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Spanish police find fourth bomb

Tourist chiefs fear summer of violence

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT AND TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN MADRID

TOURIST chiefs are preparing to fly to Spain today for an urgent review of security as fears grew of a sustained campaign of terrorism at some of Europe's most popular resorts.

Last night police discovered a bomb in a hotel in the popular resort of Salou just hours after 24 British tourists were injured — three seriously — in an explosion in a crowded airport lounge at Reus near Tarragona, down the Mediterranean coast from Barcelona. It was the fourth terrorist device either to have exploded or to have been found within 24 hours, provoking fears that Eta, the Basque separatist movement, is mounting a determined bombing campaign aimed at Spain's huge tourism industry.

The bomb at Reus airport exploded on Saturday night when Isabel Montiel Lorenzo, 46, an airport cleaner, disturbed the contents of a dustbin. Doctors fear she may lose both legs.

Three Britons who were standing near by were directly hit and are still in serious condition at the Sant Joan Hospital in Reus.

The bomb exploded minutes after a coded warning used by Eta was received, too late to clear the area.

The worst injured included Thomas Mahony, ten, from Dublin, who has a broken femur among other injuries and severe shock; and Britons Jean Harms, 60, who has shrapnel in her shoulder; and Karen Kelly, 28, with shrapnel wounds to the head and body.

Before the airport blast there were two other explosions on Saturday evening: at the Hotel Princess in Cambrils and on the Calle de Zaragoza in Salou. A telephone caller, speaking on behalf of Eta, had earlier warned local newspapers of the attacks, and police were able to evacuate the hotel and to cordon off the road in Salou.

The Spanish authorities immediately stepped up security, both visibly and undercover, but last night 500 tourists, many of them British, had to be evacuated after the fourth device was found in toilets at the Delfin Park Hotel in Salou.

Tour operators will also meet today to decide whether any extra precautions can be taken or more warnings given. British tourists are already being greeted at airports throughout Spain by stark warnings to be alert for bombs.

Martin Brackenbury, president of the International Federation of Tour Operators, said last night that urgent calls would be made this morning to the Tourism Ministry in Madrid. "If necessary we will then immediately fly out to Spain. But the Spanish appreciate more than most the importance of tourism to their country's economy and I am sure that they are already taking extra security precautions. In general security in Spain is good."

The Foreign Office has already issued advice to travellers to report any suspicious bags or packets to the local police, and gave warning before the explosion that there appeared to be "a resumption of last year's bombing campaign".

More than 4.5 million people will take package holidays in Spain this year, and tour operators are also stepping up their security advice. As British passengers to mainland Spain board the coaches from the airport to their hotel they are being told by tour guides that they should watch out for unattended packages and cases and report anyone behaving suspiciously at the airport and in the hotel.

At hotels many tour companies are reinforcing the message in individual letters pushed under bedroom doors or in the "welcome" meeting with the tour guide.

Despite the bombs there is little evidence that Britons are ready to cancel their holiday plans. Spain is by far the most popular package-tour destination for British holidaymakers, accounting for about 42 per cent of all holidays booked through travel agents. Of those some 73 per cent head for Majorca, Minorca or the Canary Islands; so far untouched by terrorist attacks. About a million Britons normally travel to the mainland resorts targeted by Eta.

Major tour operators said

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PHIL YEOMANS

Busiest day at the seaside

FINE weather coupled with the first weekend of the school summer holidays brought a rush to the seaside yesterday as temperatures reached a high of 31C (88F).

Resorts in the southeast had their busiest day of the year with many people arriving early in the hope of beating the traffic. At Bournemouth (above) the beach office was under siege from daytrippers an hour and a half before it opened at 8.30 am in the hope of renting one of the 650 beach huts as people arrived early to make the most of the predicted hot spell. "We have been really busy all day making sure everything runs smoothly. We have had dozens of lost children but happily they have all been reunited with their parents," a beach office spokeswoman said. Benito Strang, an ice cream seller on the beach had sold out by the end of the day. "I have had a brilliant day," he said.

Temperatures reached 31C (88F) at Heathrow Airport, and were in the mid 20s on the Essex, Sussex and Hampshire coasts and hovered just below 20C on the coasts of Devon and Cornwall.

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Brittany murder hunt scaled down

FROM BILL FROST IN PLEINE FOUGÈRES

FRENCH police yesterday scaled down the hunt for the killer of Caroline Dickinson, the 13-year old British schoolgirl raped and murdered at a youth hostel in Brittany.

Having completed their examination of the Auberge de Jeunesse in Pleine Fougères, detectives left the town indicating that the inquiry "may take some considerable time". Reports that an arrest was imminent were denied.

Christian Couet, the Mayor, said police had told him they were leaving the town to give its people "some peace". He added: "Everybody here wishes that the person responsible for this vile crime is caught as soon as possible. But I fear it will take a while."

Caroline's body was found on Thursday by the four girls with whom she shared a first-floor room. They woke to see her face down. It is believed that she was suffocated before being sexually assaulted.

One of Caroline's friends told police that during the night she heard what sounded like "heels drumming" on the floor but went back to sleep assuming Caroline was "having a bad dream".

The decision by police to scale down their presence in the town — 26 miles east of St Malo — has concerned residents and holidaymakers.

Keith Charlton, from Rowlandsgill near Newcastle Upon Tyne, who is staying with his wife and children on the outskirts of Pleine Fougères, said: "We certainly won't be spending much time around here now."

Lionel Moran, owner of the Hotel des Voyagers, was furious that police were being withdrawn. "None of us can believe this," he said.

At the weekend a photofit of an unshaven man in his late thirties was shown to local people before being withdrawn without explanation.

Caroline: friend thought that she was dreaming

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Cool Lehman wins the Open

The American golfer Tom Lehman kept his cool in the heat of battle yesterday evening to win the 125th Open at Royal Lytham. His two-stroke victory was his first major triumph. Lehman, six strokes clear after his course record 64 on Saturday, refused to yield to the pressure.

Ernie Els and Mark McCumber were runners-up with Nick Faldo, one more behind, in fourth place ..... Page 25

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Two Britons have been arrested during a campaign against Olympics ticket touts. Michael Farrow, 34, from London, and Mark Smith, 28, from Wales, were picked up during a police sweep and told to leave Atlanta ..... Olympics: 28-31

Bob Dole says he is fit to run

Bob Dole, the Republican presidential candidate who is 73 today, sought to head off concerns about his age by disclosing records that show him to be in excellent health. If he wins, he would be the oldest man elected for a first term ..... Page 13

Corruption claim over Major club

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

THE Conservative Party was under attack last night over a secretive fund-raising club whose members pay between £10,000 and £100,000 a year for the privilege of dining with the Prime Minister and members of the Cabinet.

There were demands for Mr Major to make a Commons statement on the Premier Club, which was launched with him as its patron last November. Amid other calls for investigations, there was also a demand for the removal of property tycoon John Beckwith, the club's chairman, from the shortlist of tenders for the £1.5 billion sale of servicemen's housing.

Robin Cook, Shadow Foreign Secretary, said: "I do find this whole arrangement stinks. No property developer must be allowed onto the inside track . . . I don't use the word sleaze. I prefer the word corruption."

Through hiring Mr Major and senior colleagues at private dinner and luncheon tables, the club's 28 members are believed to have channelled up to £500,000 into party coffers via the organisation in only nine months.

The club's last dinner was on July 1 at the Banqueting House in Whitehall. Among guests reportedly there were Sir Richard Greenbury, the chairman of Marks and Spencer, Sir Stanley Kalms, chairman of Dixons, and David Atterton, chairman of Guinness Mahon.

A spokesperson for Conservative Central Office said: "It's not a secret club but a perfectly legitimate one which raises money for the party." Mr Beckwith, 49, an Old Harrovian, was not available for comment yesterday.

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School references lose secrecy

BY JOHN O'LEARY
EDUCATION EDITOR

UNIVERSITIES have been warned that a European Union directive will deprive them of the confidential references on which they rely to pitch their offers of places to students. Rules on data protection to be introduced in 1998 will give students the right to see their school's reference. University admissions officers fear that teachers' verdicts will become too anodyne.

School references are exempt from the Data Protection Act because they are stored electronically for less than two months. They are then printed out and have to be computerised again if a file is needed later in the admissions process. The directive, issued last year, will extend existing rights of access to computerised records to official files held manually.

Tony Higgins, chief executive of the University and College Admissions Service, has told vice-chancellors the directive will have "significant implications" for schools and higher education. Admissions officers should assume that references will no longer be confidential after the 1997-98 academic year.

The reference is a key element in the applications process, partly because schools' predictions of A-level grades often go wrong. More than half the forecast grades turn out to be over-optimistic.

Demand for higher education places has dropped slightly this year, despite a rise in the number of 18-year-olds. More than 370,000 applicants will be competing for fewer than 300,000 places. About half of the candidates will come with confidential references.

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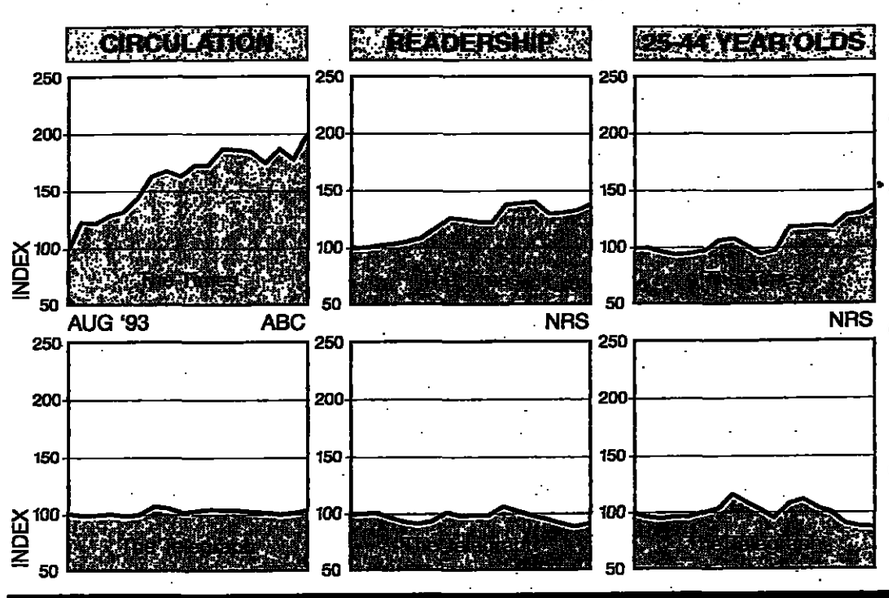

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CHANGING TIMES

Six Britons still in hospital after terrorist blast

Shocked holidaymakers tell of airport bomb panic

By Lin Jenkins

HOLIDAYMAKERS caught in the Spanish airport explosion arrived home yesterday and described the scenes of panic after the bomb blast. They told how the initial silence was broken by screams from children, many of them covered in blood.

Six Britons remained in Spanish hospitals last night. The condition of Karen Kelly, 29, of Southsea, Hampshire, was giving cause for concern. Surgeons removed fragments of metal from her legs.

Emma Baxter, 14, of Southend, Essex, suffered serious shrapnel wounds in her left foot; Jean Harms, 60, had metal splinters in her shoulder; Toni Middleton, 13, had metal fragments in her face and legs; and Mary Tucker, 61, suffered head injuries.

Also injured was Thomas Mahony, 10, from Dublin, who was in stable condition in intensive care with a broken leg and other injuries. He was reunited yesterday with his mother Winifred, 46, who had been treated for face cuts at another hospital.

A total of 33 people were hurt in the blast at Reus airport, near Barcelona, on Saturday evening. Adrian Yeoman, Miss Kelly's boyfriend, described yesterday how he thought she had been killed by the terrorist bomb. "I was at the bar getting some drinks when the blast went off. There was a huge bang, I looked over and could see only a cloud of smoke where Karen had been standing. I thought the worst.

"There was loads of blood and people running to get out but all I was worried about was Karen. Then I found her in the bar area being helped into a chair by a man. She was covered in blood and very shocked," said Mr Yeoman, 37, a physiotherapist.

Many of the injured were waiting for flights to Manchester, Birmingham and Gatwick with Britannia, the Thomson Holidays charter airline. Alan Conway, 39, an engineer from Wigan, had just passed through passport control with his family. "There was smoke everywhere and glass flying and all around there were kids screaming. Everybody was just told to dive to the floor. Then everybody just ran to get out of the building."

Mr Conway became separated from his wife Margaret and daughter Catherine, 13, as he tried to help other panic-stricken passengers. "I found two kids who were screaming that they had lost their parents. I just put my arms round them and said, 'It's OK, it's just a firecracker.'"

A woman from Yorkshire, who asked not to be named, shook with emotion as she told how she had tended a 13-year-old Spanish girl and a six-year-old London boy who were bleeding from leg and arm wounds. "I'm just so angry that children's lives are held so cheap by these people. I feel devastated."

Robert Bucknall, 42, a warehouseman from Rugby, had been on holiday with his wife Linda and daughters Nicola, 10, and Natalie, 8. "There was a lot of confusion. It was the first time our children have been abroad, they were very frightened."

Many of the children who returned to Birmingham yesterday were crying and in shock. Britannia called in extra staff to help passengers as they arrived.

There were 287 passengers due to board the Birmingham flight, 327 bound for Manchester, and 235 passengers for Gatwick.

The number of Britons visiting Spain is slightly down on last year but it is still by far the most popular destination for package tourists. About 4.5 million are expected this year, with almost three million travelling in the peak months of July and August.

Holidaymakers being greeted after their return to Birmingham airport from Spain yesterday

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Euro-sceptics lobby Major over minister

John Major is facing pressure from senior Tories to replace David Heathcoat-Amory with a Euro-sceptic colleague after the Paymaster-General's resignation from the Government, expected today or tomorrow.

Mr Heathcoat-Amory has risked aggravating tensions within the party by making it clear to friends that he wished to stand down to devote more time to campaigning against the single currency. The minister has made his views clear to Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, in recent days.

Senior Tories want a Euro-sceptic replacement to act as a balance within the Treasury team, headed by the pro-European Mr Clarke and William Waldegrave, the Treasury Chief Secretary. David Willetts, the junior Public Service Minister, has been touted as a candidate for the post, which deals closely with European matters.

Tests for 5 year olds

The first national tests for five year olds will be introduced next year to enable parents and schools to track the progress of pupils through the national curriculum. Children will be tested on basic literacy and numeracy through multiple choice papers, using pictures, words and numbers. The assessment will also cover pupils' personal and social development. The School Curriculum and Assessment Authority has been examining existing local schemes and will make formal proposals in the autumn.

First day at 'boot camp'

Britain's first "boot camp" opens today, for 60 young offenders at Thorn Cross, Warrington. The pilot scheme ordered by the Home Secretary, Michael Howard, is based on tough regimes in America. The 26-week programme involves 16-hour days, starting with drill before breakfast followed by an "intensive schedule" of training, education, work and physical activity. Inmates will be required to wear uniforms, although private clothing will be allowed in return for good behaviour.

Kent murder hunt

Police hunting the killer of Lin Russell and her six-year-old daughter Megan at Chillenden, Kent, were investigating fresh leads yesterday. Officers in the incident room said they had received "a constant stream of calls" after an E-fit image of a suspect was released on Friday. The condition of Mrs Russell's nine-year-old daughter Josephine, who survived the attack as they walked home from school, has continued to improve in hospital.

Mystery machete attack

A pensioner underwent emergency surgery for a fractured skull after a machete attack in London yesterday which police are treating as attempted murder. They said there was no obvious motive and that Fraser Bartholomew, 66, had suffered an unexplained stabbing a few weeks ago. They have appealed for information about the attacker, who had waited outside Mr Bartholomew's West Kensington flat in a silver Mini with a black vinyl roof.

Hourly US trips planned

An hourly air "shuttle" service between London and two American cities could operate from next April as British Airways and American Airlines join forces to attract high-spending business travellers. The airlines plan to reschedule services to New York and Chicago, spreading flights throughout the day and sharing the profits. Rival airlines said the "merger" would kill competition and lead to higher prices.

Thieves target airbags

Car thieves thwarted by sophisticated immobilisers are switching their attention to the interior. The RAC says that not only are they stealing telephones and stereo systems, but also airbags to fit out stolen vehicles. However, a stolen airbag is unlikely to work because the mechanism needs more than the steering wheel unit to function and could be dangerous. "Any tampering could have dramatic effects," an RAC spokesman said.

Pride or prejudice

Historic sites in England received 70 million visitors last year, up 4 per cent, partly helped by the TV series of *Pride and Prejudice* increasing attendance at stately homes. In the biggest increase since 1987, the English Tourist Board said that at least 58 properties attracted more than 200,000 visitors. The Tower of London was the top admission-charging site with 2.5 million, and Westminster Abbey had the most free visits with 2.2 million.

'Pay council leaders'

***Directly-elected mayors*, paid higher salaries than MPs, would run Britain's town and cities under a radical plan for revitalising local government published by the Association of District Councils. It says leading council members should be trained and paid to avoid so many council decisions being made behind closed doors by a powerful leader who steamrollers the decision through his party group which then rubber-stamps it.**

Airport bomb part of Eta escalation

From Tunku Varadarajan in Madrid

ALTHOUGH the Basque terrorist group Eta has for some years established a pattern of summer holiday bombings in Spain, this season's campaign is perhaps the most relentless yet.

Saturday's explosion at Reus airport in Tarragona, as well as those at Cambrils and Salou, have brought to 11 — in only 11 days — the total of explosions in areas central to the tourist industry.

Beginning on July 9, Eta has set off bombs in the Costa del Sol resort of Almuñecar, outside the Alhambra in Granada, at the historic *parador* at Jaén and five times in the city centre of Málaga. For the latest Málaga bomb, on Wednesday, there was no warning.

The bomb at Reus airport, however, is proof of a sinister escalation. Not only was it more powerful than the others so far, it was also placed at a site where injuries were inevitable. Reus is particularly popular with charter flights from Birmingham and Manchester, and Eta must have been aware that innocent British holidaymakers would be the certain victims of any bomb it might plant.

The latest explosions also demonstrate a shift away from Andalucía where the first eight bombs were placed, to Catalonia, whose Costas Dorada and Brava are as popular with British tourists as the southern Costa del Sol.

Any escalation of Eta's terrorist campaign against Spanish holiday resorts would be bound to affect British tourists, who form the largest group of summertime visitors to Spain after the Germans.

In addition to disrupting tourism, Eta's bombs in Catalonia could also be a way of punishing Jordi Pujol, the Catalan premier, for his parliamentary pact with José María Aznar, Spain's conservative Prime Minister.

Spanish bomb threat

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that airports were as busy as ever and that although people were prepared to be more watchful none seemed ready to forgo their summer holiday on the off-chance that they could become caught up in a bomb attack.

"The British holidaymaker is familiar with the concept of terrorism in their own backyard," Keith Betton of Abta said. "Our advice to people is to be vigilant as they would be if they saw anything suspicious in their own home town."

German tourists, unused to such events at home, have turned their backs on Turkey in large numbers after the explosion of incendiary devices. However, the number of Britons travelling to Turkey has increased, with UK visitors shrugging off the terrorist threat and being lured by excellent exchange rates.

Britons appear to be far more concerned with the price of their holiday than any of their European counterparts and an increase in brochure prices to Spain this summer led to a slight decrease in UK visitors.

"Spain has been the No 1 destination for the past 20 years and we can expect it to stay No 1 for probably another 20 years," Mr Betton said.

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Gendarmes have reduced the inquiry in Pleine Fougères, left, to give residents some peace, said Christian Couet, the mayor, top left. Tourists, including Keith Charlton, top right, are worried. In Launceston there were sorrow and tributes

Relief diluted by tears as murdered girl's friends return home

By Joanna Bale

CHURCHGOERS wept at a service for the murdered teenager Caroline Dickinson yesterday as the vicar of Launceston led prayers and spoke of her parents' "fathomless grief".

Earlier there were emotional scenes at her school, Launceston College, when the 39 pupils who had been with her in France were reunited with their parents.

Close friends of Caroline, 13, who was suffocated and raped, were among those who laid floral tributes outside the Cornish school yesterday. One had brought a toy cat which was accompanied by a yellow rose; Caroline was fond of cats and had one at home called Bimbo.

The card with it read: "Dear Caroline, I will always miss you for we have really been best friends even before we were born. You always told me how much you loved cats and Bimbo so I thought I would get you a little something for you to remember me and Bimbo by. It's going to be strange not having you around me because you always were nice and kind to me and always helped me when I had a problem. We had a lot in common and I will still use the bits of advice you gave me. Missing you loads and loads. Love Beth, one of your best friends."

Many of the parents and children were in tears as they hugged each other in the school sports hall at 1am after their coach and ferry journey from Pleine Fougères in Brittany. Mike Nicholls, a local councillor who met the coach, said: "It was very emotional. There was great joy and relief that the children were back after having had no contact with their parents for three days because of the police investigation. There was also great sadness that only 39 instead of 40 children came back. Many of Caroline's fellow pupils were crying but as much from relief to be home as from distress."

The Rev Tim Newcombe, vicar of Launceston, also met the coach, and many friends and relatives of those on the trip attended his service yesterday at St Mary Magdalene Church. Mr Newcombe told the congregation that Caroline would be remembered throughout the service and urged them to light a candle for her afterwards and remember her in their personal prayers.

He said: "I am far too close, though not nearly as close as some, to the events. I was with the parents who were reunited with their children very early this morning. Together with other people I have had no chance to reflect theologically on these events. I therefore suggest that instead of making trite remarks and offering cheap solutions that are no help to anyone, we do what we came here to do — open ourselves in prayer to God, remembering we do so in the light of the Resurrection."

Caroline's parents, Susan and John, who are divorced, arrived back at their homes in Cornwall in the early hours of yesterday but were said by friends to be too upset to comment. They have a younger daughter.

Yesterday the hunt for the killer was scaled down, to give the people of Plein Fougères "some peace", according to Christian Couet, the mayor. A photofit of an unshaven man in his late thirties with curly hair and bushy eyebrows, which had been shown to people in the town, has been withdrawn without any explanation by the police.

Keith Charlton, who is staying with family and friends on the outskirts of Pleine Fougères, said he would now be locking all windows and doors at night. Mr Charlton, from Rowlands Gill, Tyne and Wear, found it hard to believe police were pulling out so soon after the girl's murder.

£44m bar bill of student drinkers who won't go far

By David Charter, Education Correspondent

THE growing university population is spending more of its loans and grants in the campus bar, a survey disclosed yesterday. Student unions took £44 million across the pumps last year, 16 per cent up on the previous year.

Much of it was spent on beer costing as little as a pound a pint. Campus managers claimed that students were not drinking greater amounts, but simply spending more time in their subsidised union bar because they could not afford High Street prices.

Sheffield University students came top of the 1994-95 undergraduate drinking league, with a bar turnover of nearly £2 million. Next came Cardiff (£1.5m), Liverpool John Moores (£1.4m), Leeds (£1.3m) and Birmingham (£1.1m).

Sophie Ansell, president of Sheffield University union, said: "I don't think students are drinking more. They want to drink at a place where the prices are low, because they have to. Our bar is popular because it is cheap." The huge turnover included food as well as drink.

Douglas Trainer, president of the National Union of Students, denied the figures showed students were drinking more.

He said yesterday: "Students have always had a reputation for working hard and playing hard despite the crisis in funding durign the 1990s. Student unions are making a more competitive push for the student market. It is not a question in any way of students suddenly finding more cash."

Michael Baron, general manager at Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh, who compiled the figures, said student numbers rose by 14 per cent in the same period.

Leeds University claims its 100ft bar with 112 pumps is the longest and busiest in Europe, apart from the Munich Beer Festival.

Clare Mason, a student spokeswoman at Leeds, said: "The bar is always full here, but it is a lot of people drinking a little. Takings are up by 20 per cent this year but student numbers have also gone up by almost as much."

The cheapest beer is offered by the student bar at Durham University, at 99p per pint, and at Hull, where prices start at £1 a pint.

☐ Popular TV series highlighting young men drinking heavily could be encouraging men to behave irresponsibly at home and in public, the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents said yesterday. It called for research into influences on the "lads' culture" by programmes such as *Men Behaving Badly* and mamagzines such as *Loaded*.

Rothschild death may have been accidental

From Susan Bell in Paris

AMSCHEL ROTHSCHILD, the chairman of Rothschild Asset Management who was tipped to be the future head of the banking dynasty, may have died accidentally and not have committed suicide as orginally thought.

Police sources in Paris say they are not sure that the 41-year-old banker, whose naked body was found hanging from a towel rail in a bathroom at the Hotel Bristol two weeks ago, took his own life.

An inquest, which opened at Westminster Coroner's Court on July 16, will resume on August 8.

The Coroner, Dr Paul Knapman, said that while he had no power to summon witnesses from France, he was required to hold an inquest into any "unorthodox or violent deaths abroad".

Sources close to the family in Britain have confirmed that Mr Rothschild may have died accidentally. The family had initially suggested that he had suffered a heart attack.

Suggested reasons for for Mr Rothschild's death have included depression over the death of his mother and the poor performance of Rothschild Asset Management. However relatives and close friends said suicide would have been totally out of character. There was no suicide note.

Temazepam and baseball bats for modern Macbeth

By Helen Johnstone

LIFE on tough council estates in Britain has provided inspiration for a new interpretation of Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, in which drug barons fight for territory and power.

The parallels are emphasised in a film version of "the Scottish play" set on a run-down Birmingham council estate. Macbeth is cast as a drug addict while Duncan is portrayed as a crime baron. The three witches become street urchins in a production which swaps swords for baseball bats.

Residents from the deprived Ladywood estate, where the film is due to be shot next month, are being offered supporting parts such as spear carriers.

The adaptation is the idea of the award-winning film-maker Penny Woolcock whose research of tough council estates sparked off the idea for the 90-minute film for BBC2.

She said: "Nobody has a job. Since it is impossible for anyone to survive on the dole, money is made illegally. The local economy, crime and punishment are all controlled by the hard guys. It all reminded me of *Macbeth* where feudal warlords slug it out for territory and power."

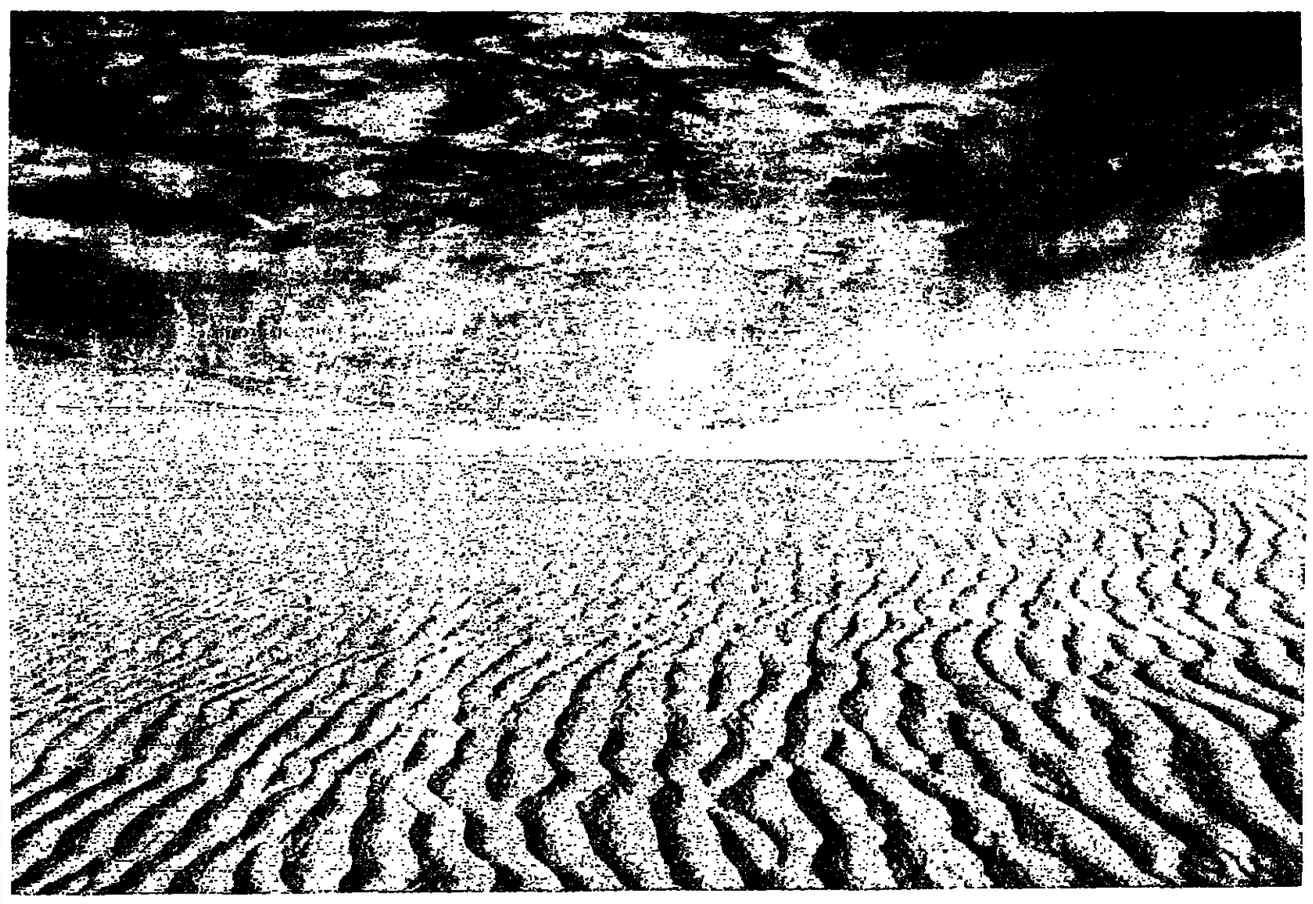
Bogdanov: directed residents on estate

In her adaptation Macbeth is a Temazepam-addicted henchman who turns against Duncan on the urgings of his wife, releasing a chain of violence and betrayal. Duncan is a local crime godfather surviving through drugs and extortion in a world with no laws. This will be the second time that Penny Woolcock has used the Birmingham estate for filming. In 1995 she won the Royal Television Society Award for her arts documentary *Shakespeare on the Estate*, which saw the director Michael Bogdanov putting residents through their paces in scenes from Shakespeare's works.

This time professional actors will take the leading roles. The young cast includes James Frain, of *The Buccaneers*, as Macbeth, Susan Vidler, who appeared in *Trainspotting* and *Naked* as Lady Macbeth, and Andrew Tiernan, shortly to appear in the Hollywood action feature *Playing God* with David Duchovny, as Banquo.

The feature-length film, which is being shot in the style of a documentary, is being made with the co-operation of Birmingham City Council and film crews are expected to be on location on the estate throughout August. Half a dozen local residents are to be given small acting parts.

The film is planned for the *Performance* season on BBC2 in the autumn.



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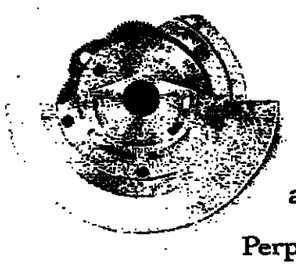

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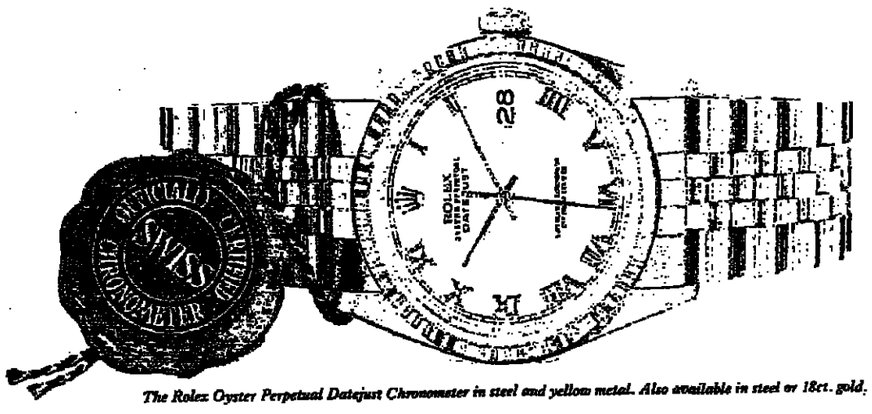

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Hospital faces inquiry over closure of controversial clinic

■ Experts are concerned that Dr Ray Bhatt has raised hopes among parents of autistic children with treatment that has not been subjected to scientific research. Jeremy Laurance reports

AN INQUIRY has been ordered into the way a London teaching hospital closed a specialist unit treating children for vitamin deficiency, amid concern about the value of the treatments.

The Chelsea and Westminster Hospital in London has set up the independent inquiry, on the instructions of the NHS Executive, into the work of Dr Ray Bhatt, who ran the vitamin B12 unit for 13 years. The unit was closed last January after the hospital refused to renew Dr Bhatt's contract, saying that he had failed to show that his methods had been submitted to proper scientific review.

Dr Bhatt is taking the hospital to an industrial tribunal alleging unfair dismissal and racism, and has accused the hospital authorities of libel. He has rejected the inquiry, saying it is not independent, and refused to co-operate with a review of his research work after taking legal advice.

Dr Bhatt offered hope to parents of children with autism and other neurodevelopmental disorders by declaring that they could be linked to problems in the metabolism of vitamin B12. He claims to have treated hundreds of children since opening his clinic in 1982. His supporters have included two Archbishops of Canterbury and two former presidents of the Royal College of Physicians and the General Medical Council.

Hospital officials say his claims of success are based on anecdotal reports which are not backed by peer-reviewed scientific research. They allege that he has not sought approval from the hospital ethics committee for his research.

Some B12 experts are worried that Dr Bhatt has raised false hopes among parents. They say that although there could be a link between B12 deficiency and mental disorders, it is crucial that research is done in a structured way so that it can be tested by other scientists.

Professor James Leonard, an authority on B12 deficiency at the Institute of Child Health, London, said: "I am aware of very few peer-reviewed publications by Dr Bhatt. I do read the literature carefully."

A second British expert, who did not wish to be named, said he would not refer patients to Dr Bhatt. "For these very rare metabolic disorders, there are other units in Canada and the United States that I would use." An international expert said: "My caution is that Dr Bhatt is generalising treatment [for B12 deficiency] in areas beyond those that are well known. I am worried he is holding up simple treatments for patients that may not be so simple."

Dr Bhatt angered US colleagues three years ago when he invited them to an international conference in London and Italy, promising to reimburse certain expenses. He was unable to do so after an expected contribution from the Italian Government failed to materialise, but last week he said that most delegates would receive 30 to 40 per cent of their claims within the next few months. "Please may they forgive me," he said.

Dr Bhatt, an employee of the Charing Cross and Westminster Medical School, ran the B12 clinic with funding from the Children's Medical Charity, which he helped to found, but this was withdrawn in 1995. When he sought financial help from the hospital, with which he had an honorary contract, managers asked for evidence that his work had been peer reviewed and submitted for ethical approval.

The medical school appointed as academic referees Professor David Rosenblatt, a renowned expert on B12 deficiency from McGill University, Montreal, and Professor Victor Herbert of the Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York, a long-time supporter of Dr Bhatt.

Peter Griffiths, medical director of the medical school, said that he had received a favourable report from Professor Herbert but had been unable to complete the review because Dr Bhatt had not sent necessary papers to Professor Rosenblatt.

Dr Bhatt was offered a six-month extension of his contract so that he could complete treatment of the patients remaining in his care, but turned down the offer.

The inquiry into the closure of Dr Bhatt's unit will be conducted by two professors from the Institute of Child Health. Dr John Collins, medical director of the Chelsea and Westminster, said: "I don't have to search my soul about this. I genuinely believe we are following correct scientific and ethical practice."

Last week Dr Bhatt was referring all press inquiries to the libel lawyers Peter Carter-Ruck & Partners. But he agreed to reply in person after a list of questions was faxed to his lawyers. He said the reasons behind the closure of his unit were "chronic economic deprivation and professional jealousy".

He said that all of the unit's clinical and diagnostic procedures were described in standard medical textbooks and that many autistic children had definite indications for the investigation of their B12 metabolism. "The methods of treatment have been published and accepted by many leading authorities," Dr Bhatt said.

He added that his work had been reviewed by international experts "on a number of occasions between 1976 and 1996" and the outcome had been satisfactory each time. He had rejected the new contract offered because it was more restrictive and "contravened medical ethics".

Treasury woman's party link to be investigated

By Emma Wilkins

TREASURY officals will today begin an inquiry after it emerged that the author of leaked radical strategy document was seeking the nomination for a safe Labour seat at the next election.

Helen Goodman, a Grade 7 civil servant who was chief architect of the internal report, will be interviewed by senior managers, led by Sir Terence Burns, Permanent Secretary to the Treasury.

The investigation will examine allegations that Ms Goodman, 37, may have misled colleagues when asked about her political activities in the Labour seat of Barnsley East. Ms Goodman, who is four months pregnant, unexpectedly withdrew from the shortlist in a telephone call to the constituency Labour Party on Friday. There is no suggestion that she leaked the report.

The Treasury document, reported exclusively in *The Times* on Wednesday, outlined radical proposals for privatising the welfare state and adopting American Republican-style ideas to reduce the size of government.

It was immediately seized upon by Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, who attacked it as an attempt to demolish the welfare state. Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, claimed the report was the work of "kids" in the Treasury. But by Thursday it had emerged that Ms Goodman, who joined the Civil Service after reading politics, philosophy, and economics at Oxford University, was the author.

Ms Goodman is married to Charles Seaford, publisher of a left-of-centre magazine called *Prospect*. In Barnsley, she is known only by her married name.

Mick Harper, secretary of the Barnsley East and Mexborough constituency Labour Party, said: "She telephoned to say that she wanted to withdraw but she didn't mention anything about the report. I was a bit surprised but I didn't put two and two together until later because I only know her by her married name. I didn't realise it was the same person."

Ms Goodman won the nomination from the Mexborough branch of the constituency after speaking at the Mexborough Athletics Club earlier this month. "She talked about the state of the local area, especially unemployment from all the pit closures. She had obviously done a lot of research into the area," Mr Harper said.

Terry Patchett, the sitting Labour MP, is seriously ill and is due to step down at the next election. Ms Goodman was down to the last six on the shortlist. The new MP will now be chosen on August 3 from a shortlist of five.

Ms Goodman is the deputy team leader of the Strategy, Finance and Purchasing Department. She works on the fourth floor of the Treasury building in Whitehall, two levels above the Chancellor.

Civil servants at Grade 7 fall into a "politically restricted category". They are not allowed to engage in national political activities and must seek permission to take part in local political activities. According to the rule book, national political activity is defined as holding office in any party political organisation that impinges on party politics; speaking in public on matters of national political controversy; and being announced as a candidate.

According to the Cabinet Office, Ms Goodman has not broken any rules over political conduct.

"If Ms Goodman had been adopted as a prospective parliamentary candidate, she would have had to resign, but she didn't get that far," a Cabinet Office spokeswoman said.

Labour sources admitted to "mild embarrassment" that Gordon Brown's offensive last week against Tory plans to strip away the welfare state was provoked by the writing of a party colleague. However, a senior figure said: "In the end this report was written at the request of ministers."

Sir Terence: he will lead the questioning

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Labour MP accuses Blair over votes for Harman

By Arthur Leathley, Political Correspondent

Tony Blair underlined his backing for Harriet Harman's choice of selective schools for her children when he said that he was considering a grant-maintained school for his second son. The Labour leader said that the party had changed sufficiently to avoid a repetition of the controversy over sending Euan, his older son, to the London Oratory School. It would make sense to send Nicky, his younger son, to the school but a decision had not been made.

THE Labour leadership was accused yesterday of "stuffing the ballot boxes" to secure Harriet Harman's election to the Shadow Cabinet this week.

Backbench Labour MPs claim that the vote has been timed for Wednesday, the last day before the Commons recess, because many backbenchers will have left by then. Diane Abbott, a left-wing Labour MP, warned Tony Blair yesterday that "strong-arm" tactics might keep Ms Harman in the Shadow Cabinet but would not be "sustainable in the long term".

Backbenchers are concerned that some proxy votes have been left with party business managers.

The number of candidates, to be confirmed today, will be far smaller than in previous years because of the absence of any frontbench nominations outside the present Shadow Cabinet. Leadership sources dismissed accusations that the elections had been manipulated to ensure the survival of Shadow Cabinet members.

Unlike other frontbenchers, who have eschewed the normal pre-election publicity, Ms Harman has circulated details of her own research showing growing health service waiting lists.

Close colleagues said yesterday that she was determined to make clear "that she does a great deal of good work that has been overshadowed by the education issue".

Ms Harman's main threat is from Ann Clwyd, a fomer frontbench MP, who is expected to take advantage of the party rule that MPs must vote for at least four women candidates. Although senior Labour figures expect Ms Harman to retain her place, they concede that her vote is likely to drop substantially in the smallest poll for many years.

Ms Abbott, who has been a critic of Ms Harman's decision to send her sons to selective schools, said that the SHadow Health Secretary had appeared a "teeny bit arrogant" about her sons' education and seemed to have left the party open to charges of hypocrisy.

She told BBC 1's *Breakfast with Frost*: "I understand that my friend Harriet Harman – I've known her for years – is going to have her own Assisted Places Scheme, that the whips are telling people they can go on holiday early if they hand over their ballot paper.

"If they stuff ballot boxes, of course she'll make it back. In a straightforward secret ballot I don't think she would."

Ms Abbott said Ms Harman had "made Labour look as if we do one thing and say another. And actually, 99 per cent of Labour MPs send their children to comprehensive schools."

Monks angered by party's call to suspend Underground strikes

By Arthur Leathley

TONY BLAIR'S call for London Tube drivers to call off their strike came under fire from the TUC and several Labour MPs yesterday.

In his first response to the series of one-day strikes, planned to continue on Thursday, the Labour leader last week pressed for industrial action to be put on hold pending arbitration. John Monks, the General Secretary of the TUC, called on the Labour Party to support the right of workers to take industrial action "as a last resort". He criticised "knee-jerk reactions" to the dispute.

Mr Monks was joined by Labour MPs in his criticism. Andrew Mackinlay, Labour MP for Thurrock, told Sky television's *Sunday* programme: "A prudent position for a leader of the Opposition would be not to trespass into an industrial relations dispute." Tony Banks, Labour MP for Newham North-West, said Blair's comments "came too late, apart from anything else."

Mr Blair risked further criticism when he was asked whether Labour is considering a ban on strikes in essential services. Mr Blair replied: "No, that is not our policy at the moment." But, aides insisted there were no plans to introduce such a ban in future.

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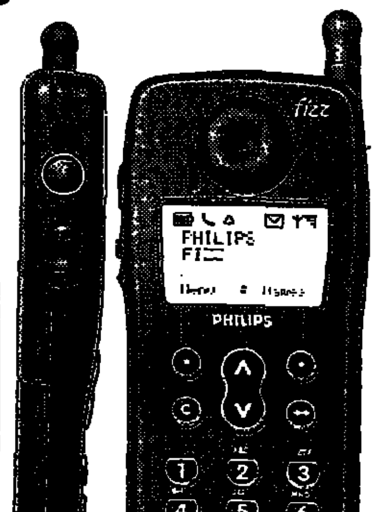

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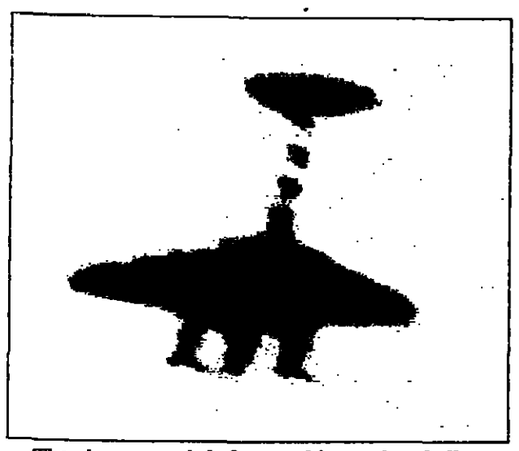
Two killed as Mosquito crashes at air display

By Kate Alderson

THE last airworthy Mosquito fighter-bomber crashed at an air display yesterday, killing the pilot and navigator.

The World War Two aircraft went out of control during a dive at Barton Air Show at Salford in Greater Manchester. Witnesses said it burst into flames as it crashed into dense woodland about a mile from Barton Aerodrome.

Clive Heather, operations manager for Greater Manchester Ambulance, who was at the aerodrome to provide on-site medical assistance, said: "It was going through an obviously well-rehearsed routine. Then it climbed higher and higher towards the edge of the airfield before it spiralled round and round. It became quite obvious that it wasn't going to come out of it. We heard the crash and then we saw the smoke. We saw debris strewn across a potato field and the woodland on fire.".



The plane seconds before crashing and exploding

Paramedics, who originally thought only the pilot was in the plane, fought through the fire to reach the cockpit and found two bodies. They were recovered and were flown by RAF helicoptor to Hope Hospital, Manchester, where staff were trying to locate next of kin. Greater Manchester Police said the identities of the two men would not be released until relatives had been informed.

There were no other casualties in the incident but Lancashire Aero Club, which runs Barton Aerodrome, said a number of spectators had been treated for shock.

The club decided to continue with the air display two hours later. A spokeswoman said: "The rest of the pilots agreed that it would be for the best to carry on with the display. It was a collective decision." The show featured other vintage aircraft, including two Spitfires, as well as wing walkers.

Spectators said the 50-year-old Mosquito, owned by British Aerospace, appeared to either stall or develop a fault in the wing mechanism. Graham Jones, 46, from Manchester, said: "The plane went into a climb up to about 1,000 feet to go into a dive. The pilot then rolled the plane over to the right so it was upside down to go into the dive. But the left wing of his aircraft suddenly dipped. Although the pilot tried to right himself, the plane started falling.

"The pilot needed to go back into a dive to regain control and he began a nose dive. But he only had 600 feet left to play with. He started to pull out of the dive at the last minute but it was too late and the plane disppeared into the woods."

John Hadfield, flight safety officer at British Aerospace, said that both men were dedicated and highly experienced. The pilot, a professional with many years of flying experience, had flown the plane many times. The second man was believed to be the engineer in charge of looking after it on the ground.

Mr Hadfield said the crash had destroyed an important piece of aviation history. "It is the loss of a unique aircraft" — the last flying example of its type in Britain. The wreckage would now be recovered and examined to discover what could have caused it to crash.

The De Havilland Mosquito was known for its speed and provided an invaluable service during World War Two on photo reconnaissance missions and as a leader plane for squadrons of Lancaster and Halifax bombers.

Made of balsa wood and known affectionately as "the wooden wonder", it was regarded as one of the most versatile military aircraft, used as a day and night fighter, a bomber, and a torpedo-bomber as well as for reconnaissance.

☐ Three brothers who booked a flight with the Airbourne Flying School in Bournemouth, Dorset, in a light aircraft had a lucky escape when the plane got caught in trees at the end of the runway.

William, Adrian and Ian Johnson, who were returning home to the Isle of Wight, found themselves perched 20ft above the ground and, together with the pilot, had to climb down a tree to safety. They later hired a car to get home.

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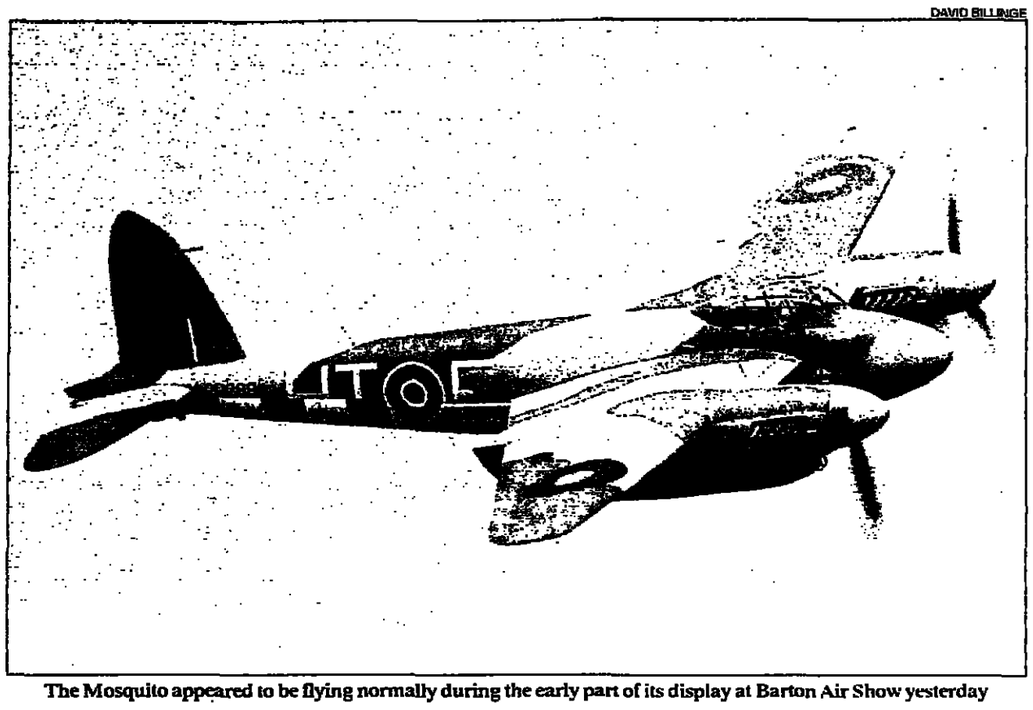

The Mosquito appeared to be flying normally during the early part of its display at Barton Air Show yesterday

Tourists hurt in Highlands bus crash

By A Staff Reporter

FORTY-nine people were injured, three seriously, when a holiday coach carrying elderly tourists plunged down an embankment and overturned near Loch Lomond yesterday.

One 70-year-old man severed his arm in the accident at Arden in Strathclyde and was flown by air ambulance to the Southern General Hospital in Glasgow.A number of people scrambled free through a roof hatch on the vehicle's roof and five passengers were pulled to safety by firefighters.

Police said the accident happened as the coach drove south along the A82 road with 51 passengers, most of them from Northern Ireland, after a tour of the Highlands. No other vehicle was involved.

Chief Superintendent Kenneth McInnes, of Strathclyde Police, said the coach was owned by the company Highland Heritage.

The coach left the northbound carriageway and toppled on its side down a slight embankment into a field. Road conditions were good and not busy, he said.

He said the driver of the coach, who was not seriously injured, had taken a breath test, which was negative.

Gang fight disrupts Channel crossing

By Tim Jones

A CHANNEL ferry captain kept a dozen drunken teenagers locked on the bridge of his ship yesterday after a gang fight.

The youths started running battles on deck shortly after the *Stena Normandy* left Southampton for Cherbourg on Saturday evening. Captain George Hellier and crew members escorted the youths to the bridge where they were told to behave. They were prevented from disembarking when the ship docked.

As it headed back to its home port yesterday, the youths again started fighting on the bridge. In spite of his warnings, they continued to brawl and Captain Hellier radioed ahead to ask Hampshire Police force officers to meet his ship.

Eight police officers ordered the youths to remain on the bridge until all the other passengers had gone before escorting them to the dock side.

At 8am yesterday about eight members of the opposing gangs gathered outside a Southampton nightclub where they resumed hostilities. Two youths were arrested.

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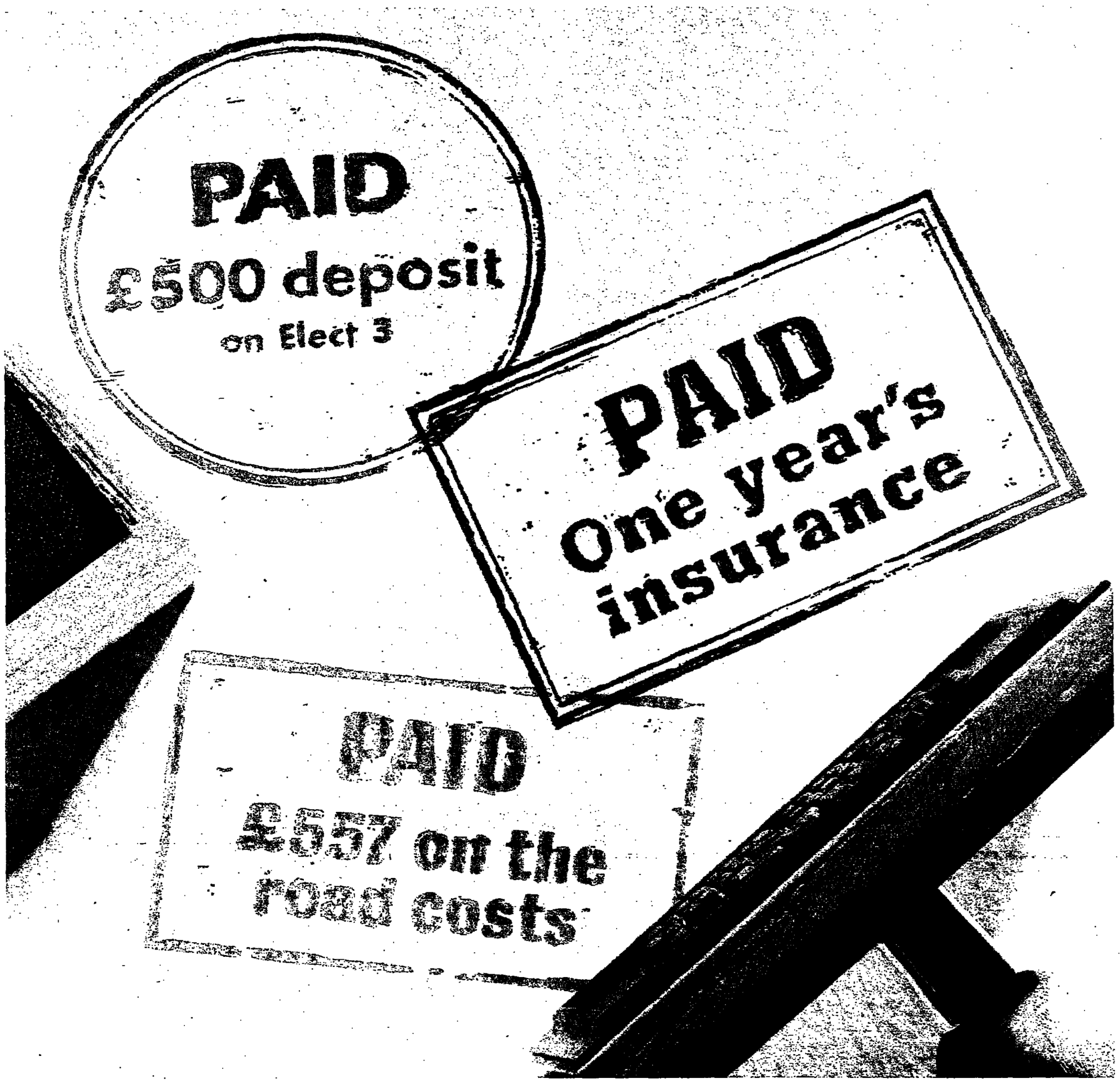

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Treasure hunt for cannon that carved out new Europe

By Nick Nuttall, Environment Correspondent

A SHIPWRECK found at the bottom of the Baltic contains a treasure trove that will take British and Scandinavian archaeologists back to the dawn of modern Europe. The discoveries are thought to include the biggest haul of early 16th-century naval cannon which helped monarchs to found their nation states.

The 75ft wreck, which is 20 fathoms down and well preserved, is believed to be Sweden's *Kort Konig Kravel*, a rare example of a new shipbuilding technology that was sweeping Europe, enabling royal navies to carry more armaments. A similar design was later used by Henry VIII to build ships such as the *Mary Rose*.

A team of 20, including divers, is returning to the wreck next week. One of the expedition's leaders is Jonathan Adams, an archaeologist at Southampton, who also worked on the 1982 recovery of the *Mary Rose* in the Channel. Yesterday he said that only about seven wrought-iron cannon were found with Henry's flagship, while at least a dozen were identified in an initial survey of the Swedish wreck, some of them more than 11ft long. The researchers expect to locate and recover many more.

The ship at the bottom of a fiord in the Stockholm archipelago is believed to have sunk in 1525, two decades before the *Mary Rose*. It was a key vessel in the fleet of Gustav Eriksson Vasa, the first king of modern Sweden, who ousted the Danes and founded an hereditary monarchy.

Mr Adams, who is working with experts from Stockholm University and institutions including the Swedish National Maritime Museum, said: "The king was apopleptic when he heard of the loss. The cannon would have been very valuable. This could be the biggest collection of ordnance of its type."

Records show that the king dispatched one of his best ships to recover cannon used to put down rebels in the south of the country. The ship also had the key task of recovering guns from his flagship, *The Swan*, which had been abandoned near by the year before.

About 150 sailors and soldiers are believed to have been on board when the cargo-naval ship sank. "It hit a barely submerged rock — a perfect ship trap," Mr Adams said.

The archaeological work is being carried out with the permission of the Stockholm County Authority, which has also provided funding.

Video images of the cannon show that they are without breech chambers and are larger and more numerous than would be expected for a vessel of this kind. Mr Adams said: "The ordnance appears to have been stowed in the hold rather than deployed around the vessel.

"Ceramic pots, bronze cauldrons, masses of limestone ballast and timbers and barrels are lying on the seabed, untouched and in very good condition."

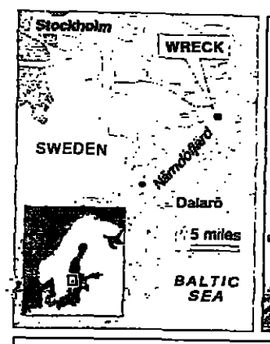
Other preliminary finds, made on an initial expedition to the wreck in 1994, include lead shot, some of which were used in so-called swivel guns, and stone shot, which would have been used by cannon on the *Kort Konig* itself. Oak timbers and a mast about 60ft high have also been seen. But while the timbers are apparently in excellent condition, part of the wreck has been broken apart by the heavy limestone ballast.

Video footage confirms that the wreck is an early carvel-built ship. The technique, developed in the Mediterranean, involved laying the hull's timbers flush and nailing them to the frame timbers using tree nails. The design allowed kings to carry more heavy armaments.

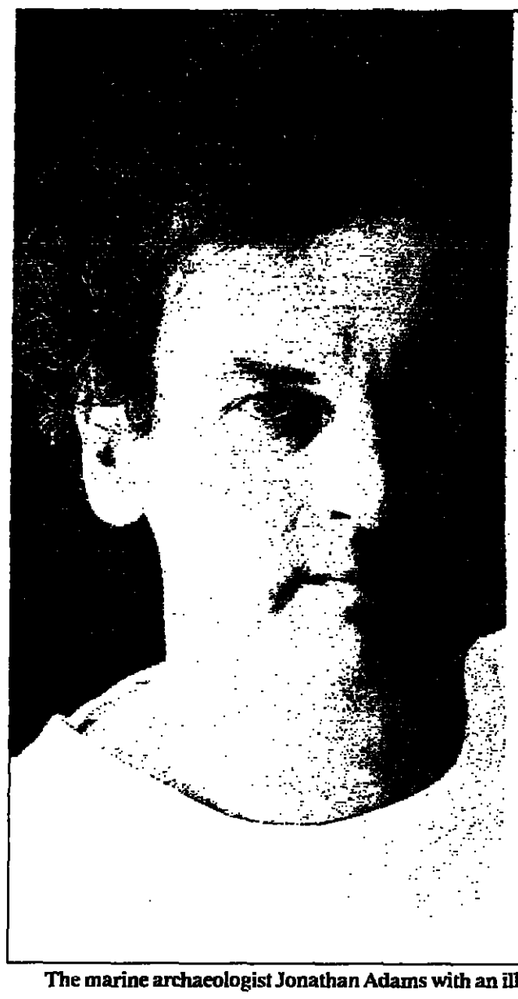
Next week's detailed surevy will have support from the North Sea company Stolt Comex Seaway of Dundee. The depth of the wreck means the team will have to use a diving bell and breathe mixed gases.

Mr Adams said their presence underscored how Britain had had acquired skills vital for maritime archaeology, mainly because of health and safety rules here.

"We have a large group of British archaeologists with professional diving qualifications," he said. "It has not really happened in other countries."



The location, the king — Gustav Eriksson Vasa — and a 16th century illustration of a carvel-built ship



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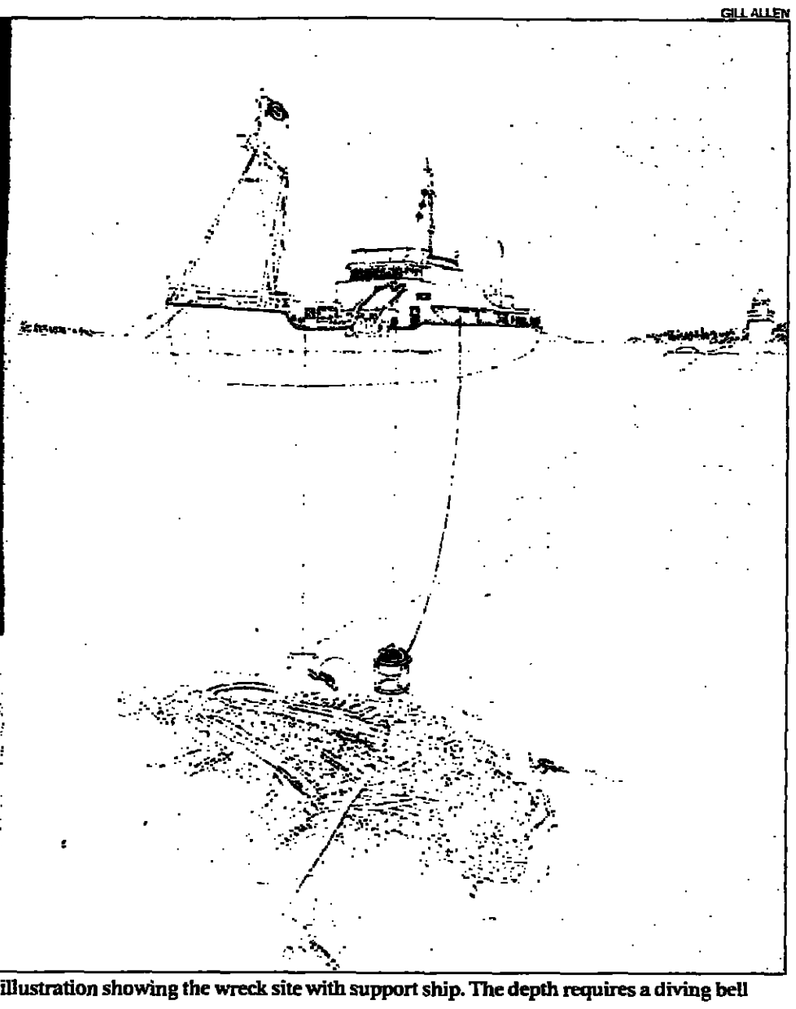

The marine archaeologist Jonathan Adams with an illustration showing the wreck site with support ship. The depth requires a diving bell

Major invites loyalist paramilitaries to No 10 to revive peace process

By Arthur Leathley

JOHN MAJOR will today meet two convicted terrorists, including a double murderer, in an effort to revive the Northern Ireland peace process.

The Prime Minister will meet John White, convicted of two murders in 1973, at Downing Street as he underlines his commitment to talking to all parties. Mr White is one of four political representatives of loyalist paramilitary organisations who will talk face-to-face with Mr Major about the worsening political situation in Ulster.

Mr Major has made clear that he prepared to talk to any political figures who maintain a ceasefire and today's meeting is aimed at underlining the Government's gratitude for loyalist restraint despite recent provocation. The delegation consists of two members of the Ulster Democratic Party — closely aligned to the Ulster Defence Association — and the group which articulates the thinking within the Ulster Volunteer Force, the Progressive Unionist Party.

The UDP will be led in the talks by Gary McMichael who will be accompanied by Mr White, a member of the Stormont forum who was jailed for his part in the killing of Stormont senator Paddy Wilson and a woman friend in the 1970s. The pair were stabbed to death and had their throats cut on a mountain road outside Belfast.

David Ervine, who is also a convicted terrorist, and Hugh Smyth, a former Lord Mayor of Belfast, will speak on behalf of the PUP.

Mr Major is anxious to use the meeting to push the political process forward, in the wake of the upsurge in violence sparked off by the Orange Order siege at Drumcree. He will be pressing the delegations to use their powers of persuasion to keep intact the ceasefires by the UVF, UDA and Ulster Freedom Fighters in the face of a resurgence of IRA bombings in Britain and Europe.

But Ulster political observers also feel that Mr Major wants to show Gerry Adams, the leader of Sinn Fein, the type of treatment he can expect if the IRA calls a new ceasefire.

Mr McMichael, whose father John was murdered by the provisionals, will ask the Prime Minister to crack down hard on the IRA. "I will be making clear the imperative to find political progress and for definitive action to be taken against the terrorist threat," he said last night. There was speculation in Northern Ireland last night that the meeting may pave the way for direct talks between Mr Major and Sinn Fein. Mr McMichael and his colleagues are expected to say that an invitation to Sinn Fein would cause deep resentment and anger among the Unionist community.

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Keyboard judges tap in new era of court computers

By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent

JUDGES have set up their own mini-Internet as part of a project in which more than 360 judges from the Court of Appeal down to district judges have been supplied with computers.

Under Project Judith, which cost £1.7 million, the judges have their own e-mail and bulletin board, and communicate daily about legal topics and the latest rulings.

The computer link, organised by the Lord Chancellor's Department, is a prelude to a technological revolution in the courts which will be heralded by proposals on Friday from Lord Woolf in his final report on civil justice.

Lord Woolf is expected to outline reforms for the complete computerisation of the courts. It would involve every judge having a desktop computer, as well as all the administrative functions of the courts being computerised.

Lord Justice Saville, a Court of Appeal judge who chairs the committee on the Judith project for judges, said: "Lord Woolf takes the view that without the new technology, his reforms will be impossible to achieve."

Lord Woolf will outline reforms for a new culture in litigation, in which judges — rather than lawyers — will dictate the pace of cases. But to become trial managers, the judges will have to embrace new technology so that they can track the progress of cases and can be given computer back-up.

Lord Justice Saville said the signs from Project Judith were encouraging. Many judges were using computers — laptop and desktop — to write judgments, to make notes in court and to link up with each other. They can access the latest rulings via overnight summaries of cases and exchange views in various conferences.

When Lord Taylor, who has just retired as Lord Chief Justice, issued a ruling last year that changed the basis for sentencing drug offenders, it had to be disseminated quickly, Lord Justice Saville said. The judges' computer link enabled it to be done.

Michael Huebner, head of the Court Service, which runs the courts, said that a private finance initiative worth up to £60 million had begun to computerise all the civil court records and administrative functions. Three companies were bidding and it was expected that the computerisation would be in place next year.

Under Lord Woolf's reforms, not only judges and court staff but the public would also eventually be able to monitor the progress of their cases through the system.

Judges would be able to use video conferencing, so they could conduct case management hearings without lawyers and clients having to travel to court.

Lord Woolf is also expected to recommended setting up information kiosks where people can obtain information about the courts and the law. These have been pioneered in California, Australia and Singapore.

Lord Justice Saville, helping to introduce change

British schools lead the world in teaching information technology

By John O'Leary

SCHOOLS in Britain are ahead of other nations' classrooms in information technology, says an independent study to be published today.

Both primary and secondary pupils have access to more computers per head than their counterparts in any of the G7 group of leading industrialised nations. Experts say that information technology is more fully integrated into the curriculum than in any of the other countries.

The study, commissioned by Research Machines, a leading supplier of educational technology, will hearten ministers, who have recently seen British schools lagging in a series of international comparisons. Later this week, the Office for Standards in Education will highlight the superior performance of foreign pupils in mathematics.

But with information technology in schools becoming a political issue in the run-up to the general election, the Government will seize on the results of today's survey. Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, is expected to cite the research as vindicating policy.

The survey shows that secondary schools in the United Kingdom have more than twice as many computers per 100 pupils as those in Germany, and are even further ahead of Japan, France and Italy. Only Canada and the United States approach the UK ratio of one computer to 8.5 pupils.

Britain is the only country of the seven to have at least one computer in every primary school.

Christ in the House of Simon Pharisee by Simon Vouet: disappeared for centuries after French Revolution

Long-lost masterpieces unveiled

By Dalya Alberge

AN IMPORTANT early landscape by the 17th-century French master Nicolas Poussin, which was in the collection of the 18th-century British master, Sir Joshua Reynolds, has been discovered.

The painting, valued at £2.35 million, was found in a private European collection. It was thought to be "just a French 17th-century painting", said Ferdinando Peretti, consultant to the Walpole Gallery in Dover Street, where it is being exhibited.

After Reynolds died in 1792, many of his old master pictures were sold. The whereabouts of this image was unknown.

The leading Poussin scholars Timothy Standring, Professor of Art History at the University of Denver, Sir Denis Mahon and Pierre Rosenberg of the Louvre, have confirmed the attribution and the date. The rediscovered picture was painted in Rome in the mid-1620s, shortly before Poussin (1594-1665) received a commission for an altarpiece for St Peter's; that painting, *The Martyrdom of St Erasmus*, is in the Vatican. The Poussin is among 27 works in an exhibition that runs until July 31. Most have never been exhibited and most have been discovered only recently, although scholars had evidence that they existed.

Among them is a late masterpiece by Simon Vouet (1590-1649), whose influences included the classical compositions of Poussin, and who is represented in major public collections from the Uffizi, Florence, to the Louvre. *Christ in the House of Simon Pharisee*, showing the sinner drying Christ's feet with her hair, relates to a group of recently-acquired drawings for this commission in the Louvre. It was not until those drawings were discovered that the hand of Vouet in this painting could be proved conclusively.

It was commissioned in 1736 for the Hôtel Séguier in Paris, a palace. Vouet, at that time, was unrivalled in Paris. During the Revolution, the palace chapel was dismantled and the paintings were sold. Through several subsequent sales the Vouet disappeared. It turned up in a private collection and was attributed to a lesser artist, Eustache Le Sueur.

Poussin's *The Infancy of Bacchus*: £2.35m tag

Police will be warned over links to Masons

By Stewart Tendler

DETECTIVES investigating sensitive cases would have to declare whether they are Freemasons under plans being drawn up for national guidelines on police links with the organisation.

They are expected to include a warning to all police to think carefully about any connection with the Freemasons. Officers would be advised in clear and strong language that membership could compromise their integrity as impartial upholders of the law. The statement is likely to urge them to be sensitive to public fears about corrupt links between police and Freemasons.

The guidelines are being drawn up by the Association of Chief Police Officers in consultation with all 43 forces in England and Wales. They will be published by the autumn.

Sir Jim Sharples, Chief Constable of Merseyside and president of the association, called for the guidelines after the Police Complaints Authority warned MPs last year that the public had lingering suspicions about police probity in some internal investigations. Concerns have been expressed recently by Home Office inspectors of constabulary and in the authority's latest report.

The guidance would cover more than 144,000 officers and civilian staff working for the police. It would be framed to cover all influential and secretive societies that officers might join. Draft guidelines have been circulated to every force for consultation and none has opposed the principle of issuing them.

The declaration could be applied to cases involving investigation of complaints against officers and corruption inquiries involving local government politicians and officials.

At one time it was estimated that about 20 per cent of the London force were members of lodges and Freemasonry was said to have a strong hold on the top echelons of many provincial forces. There was concern that officers were promoted with the help of Masonic connections and allegations that others officers were in the same lodges as major criminals.

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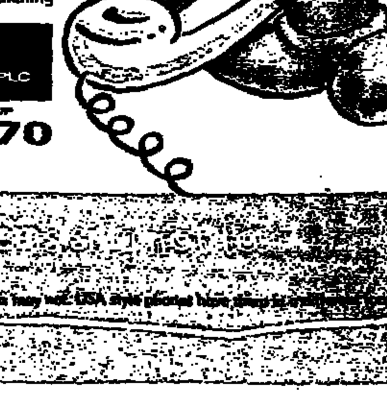

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Estate construction work could release bacteria spores lying dormant in disused tanning works

Anthrax outbreak casts shadow over homes site

By Michael Hornsby

FEARS of an outbreak of anthrax caused by spores that have lain dormant for decades is delaying the start of a major housing development.

Spores of the anthrax bacteria, lying inert for decades in the soil, are thought to have been disturbed by ditch-dredging work on Storridge Farm, near Westbury in Wiltshire, where three cattle have died of the disease since early June.

Anthrax is one of the deadliest and oldest diseases known to man. It can infect humans as well as livestock and, although it is extremely rare in Britain, in its most severe form is nearly always fatal if not treated promptly with antibiotics.

Local people fear the spores might have been carried along a stream from an abandoned leather works on the outskirts of Westbury, where infected hides are said to have been buried in the past. The farm is about a mile and a half downstream from the works. The former tannery forms part of a 50-acre site, mostly now farmland, that has been earmarked for development. West Wiltshire District Council is considering a proposal to build 800 homes, a superstore and a primary school.

Alison Irving, a Liberal Democrat councillor who lives near the old tannery, said: "Local residents are worried that once construction workers start disturbing the site, they could release anthrax spores that have been lying dormant up to now."

Concern voiced by Mrs Irving led the council's planning committee to defer a decision on the housing scheme and to ask Persimmon Homes, the development company, to analyse soil and water at the site.

David Bardwell, the council's principal environmental officer, said: "We are aware of the site's history and we need to be sure that it is safe for development." He added: "The developers need to be satisfied, too, because their employees would be most at risk."

The managing director of Persimmon Homes, Clive Drinkwater, said: "We are in the process of appointing consultants to investigate and report back on the condition of the land. We will then agree with the local authority any work which may need to be undertaken."

There is pressure to develop the site as the council has been allocated 11,000 of the 65,000 houses that the Department of the Environment says Wiltshire must provide by 2011. It is government policy to target old industrial sites where possible.

The leather works, which dates from the last century and once employed 200 people, went out of business in 1983 and is a wasteland of broken-down buildings and rusting machinery.

In the 1950s, a cluster of anthrax cattle deaths occurred on farms either side of Biss Brook, which runs through the former tannery. There are records showing that the owners paid farmers compensation for the animals.

Former workers at the tannery say that in the immediate postwar years, imported foreign hides often came with an anthrax warning. One who worked at the plant from 1946 to 1981 remembers two mild cases among employees.

Until the latest outbreak at Storridge Farm, no cases of anthrax among cattle had been reported in the area for more than 20 years. It is thought the farmer may have disturbed old anthrax spores while dredging a ditch and spread them unwittingly over adjacent pasture where cattle were grazing.

THE DISEASE

■ **Anthrax is caused by a bacterium, *Bacillus anthracis*, which infects animals and humans. Spores of the bacterium can remain infectious for years.**

■ **In 1942 scientists exploded anthrax canisters over flocks of sheep on Gruinard Island off northwest Scotland in a germ warfare experiment. The island was declared safe only in 1988 after a two-year decontamination programme that involved burning off vegetation and treating the soil.**

■ **Since 1989 only seven human cases of anthrax have been reported in Britain. The last death was in 1979.**

■ **The most common route for infection is through cuts and cracks in the skin. Leatherworkers, dockers and warehousemen handling hides are at most risk, along with farmers and vets.**

■ **Less common, but far more serious, is pulmonary anthrax, caused by inhalation of the spores. This internal form of the disease is nearly always fatal within days.**

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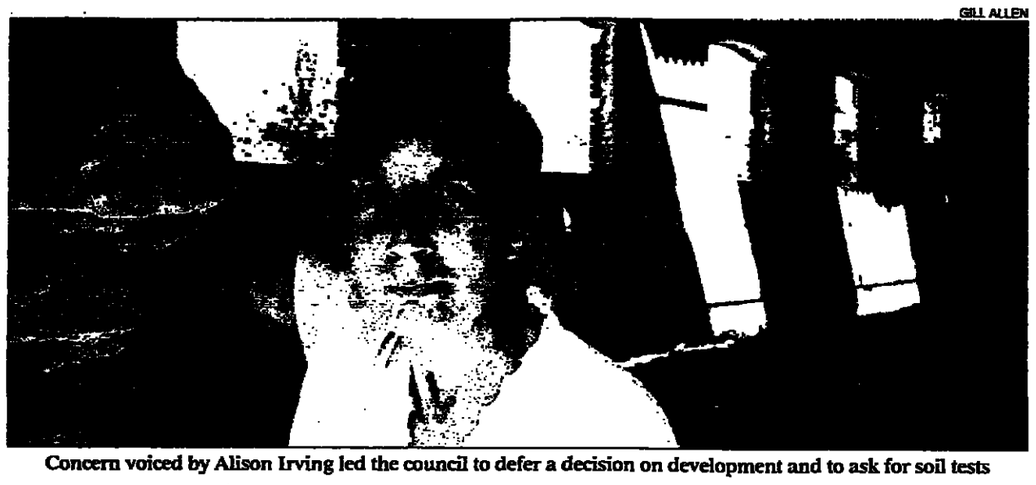

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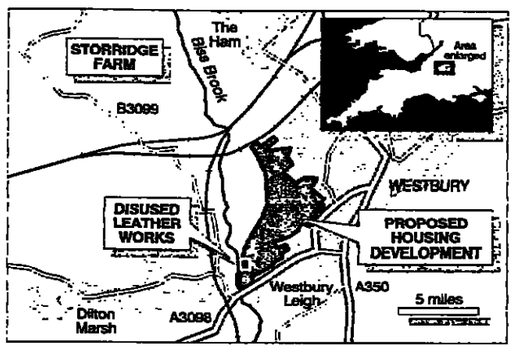

Princess complains to press watchdog

By Emma Wilkins

THE Princess of Wales and the Duchess of York have reported the *Daily Mirror* to the Press Complaints Commission after the newspaper published long-lens photographs showing them relaxing by a swimming pool in the South of France.

The newspaper devoted five pages to an article and photographs of the Princess asleep on a sun lounger and holding hands with Prince Harry, 11, during a private holiday at a villa near Cannes.

The Princess was wearing a bikini. Pictures of the Duchess showed her dressed in a swimming costume and using a mobile telephone by the pool. Prince William, 14, was also pictured.

The women received copies of Saturday's edition of the *Daily Mirror* by fax from their offices in London within hours of publication. The Duchess is pursuing a separate action against the newspaper for trespass on private property and invasion of privacy.

At a recent meeting with Piers Morgan, the Editor of the *Mirror*, over lunch at Kensington Palace in London, the Princess tried to explain her worries over invasions of privacy. She was yesterday said to be "less than happy" that his newspaper had published the pictures.

A spokeswoman for the Princess explained why she had decided to take action. "These photographs were extremely intrusive. They are on a private holiday in a private villa and the pictures should not have been taken."

The PCC will consider the complaint and announce a judgment at a later date.

East End wins curbs on grisly Ripper trips

By Richard Ford

JACK the Ripper tours in London's East End are to be curbed after residents complained of grisly descriptions and tourists gaping through their windows.

Householders in Whitechapel and Spitalfields, where the notorious killer operated, have complained to Tower Hamlets council about "voyeuristic" trips which glorify violence against women.

They say that, almost a century after the killing of five women in the area, the Jack the Ripper industry is blighting their neighbourhood. The worst of the estimated 40 official and unofficial tours are accused of relating the multiple injuries suffered by the women in gory detail.

Phoebe Tait, who lives on the well-trodden route, said that some tours stood outside homes most nights until 9.30pm listening to tales of the Ripper's most violent acts. She said that much of the detail was inaccurate and it was unpleasant to be constantly reminded of the murders. Others residents have complained of tourists blocking pavements and peering into their homes.

Up to 100 householders signed a petition calling for action. The Labour-run council is working on a code of conduct to moderate the descriptions used by guides and restrict where tourists stand on pavements. It also wants guides to promote positive features of the area. The council cannot take action under the Environmental Protection Act or public health laws because the tours are not a "statutory nuisance" or an "offensive trade".

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Moscow looks at Afghan option for Chechenia peace

FROM THOMAS DE WAAL IN MOSCOW

THE latest brutal Russian assault on southern Chechenia, in contravention of a pre-election peace deal, may be a prelude to an "Afghan option" in which Moscow pulls out most of its troops and leaves a well-armed local Government to cope by itself, according to two senior generals.

The man to declare a latest shift in policy towards the breakaway republic should be Aleksandr Lebed, the Russian security chief, who is expected to visit Chechenia in the next few days.

In their continuing assault on a series of rebel-controlled villages, Russian forces yesterday again used air power and artillery, both of which are ruled out in a peace treaty signed on June 10 during the presidential election campaign.

During fighting in the mountainous Shatoi region, the Russians said 60 Chechen fighters had been killed, while Movladi Udugov, a Chechen spokesman, said 150 Russian soldiers had died. Neither claim could be independently verified.

Last week NTV television reported at least 20 civilian deaths and widespread devastation in the village of Makhkety after similar air raids. The village has seen destruction like this before. A famous scene in Leo Tolstoy's tale of the Caucasian wars, *Hadji Murat*, describes how Makhkety is raided and burnt by Russian soldiers in 1852.

Sergei Kovalyov, the former dissident and leading critic of the Chechen war, denounced President Yeltsin and General Lebed last week for hypocrisy. "I knew from the start that your promises were a lie," he said in a letter written from a hospital bed where he is recovering from a heart attack. "But the country believed you. Both of you deceived 40 million voters who supported you."

General Lebed used to be a fierce critic of the Chechen war, but he has so far endorsed the latest intensification in the fighting. However, two former comrades of the general, interviewed last week, were cautiously optimistic that his visit to the breakaway republic could be part of a pre-planned scenario in which he announces peace.

When Eduard Vorobyov resigned as deputy commander of Russian land forces at the beginning of the Chechen war, one of the first men to ring him up with words of support was General Lebed.

"Lebed is waiting for a defeat to be inflicted on the rebels," General Vorobyov said on Friday. The security chief would then visit the republic and announce that Russia was sticking to the main point of the June peace plan: a gradual withdrawal of forces, who would hand over responsibility to the local Chechen police and a small number of Interior Ministry troops.

From Moscow's point of view, this strategy would solve two conflicting problems: the television news would stop reporting the deaths of young soldiers, while the rebels, weakened by the latest heavy assaults, would not immediately be assured of seizing power. In essence, it is a repeat of the "Afghan option" in which Moscow pulled out of Afghanistan only after arming its proxy Government, which then managed to cling on to power.

Ruslan Aushev, an Afghan War veteran and Hero of the Soviet Union, who is President of the neighbouring republic of Ingushetia, said the new offensive was a "mechanism of pressure" on the rebels. But he thought the strategy was dangerous and the rebels were not easily beaten.

Having served with General Lebed in Afghanistan, he said he also believed in the security chief's character, but said he was being ensnared by unfamiliar Kremlin politics. "He has not been properly informed," Mr Aushev said.

An ultra-Orthodox Jew shouts "*Shabbat*" (Sabbath in Hebrew) during a demonstration in Jerusalem at the weekend demanding greater respect for the Jewish day of rest. About 5,000 fundamentalists protested for the third week running on a main Jerusalem street. But for the first time they faced a 2,000-strong counter-demonstration by left-wing protesters. The ultra-Orthodox Jews tried to stop traffic on Bar Ilan Street, throwing stones, bottles and rubbish at passing vehicles. *(AFP)*

Sabbath protest by zealots

Israelis exchange prisoners for bodies

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

A MACABRE and complex exchange of bodies and prisoners between Israel and the Iranian-backed Hezbollah (Party of God) took place yesterday, providing evidence that the hardline Government of Binyamin Netanyahu is still able to do business with its Arab enemies. Under the terms of the deal, brokered in secrecy over the past four months by Bernd Schmidbauer, a senior German intelligence official, the remains of two Israeli privates who died after their capture by Hezbollah in 1986 were swapped for the remains of the bodies of 123 Hezbollah fighters killed by Israel.

Also involved in the exchange, which was indirectly approved by Iran, were 45 Lebanese prisoners held in the notorious el-Hiam prison in occupied southern Lebanon by Israel's proxy force, the South Lebanon Army. In return, 21 SLA prisoners held by Hezbollah were returned southwards to the Israeli-held security zone.

The exchange was the biggest since Israel's 1982 invasion of Lebanon. Diplomats said it could give impetus to a possible agreement between Lebanon and Israel's right-wing Government, which has expressed interest in a limited deal to stop hostilities in southern Lebanon.

☐ **Mandela visit:** President Mandela of South Africa postponed a Middle Eastern trip. It will take place in October rather than next month and include Egypt and Israel.

WORLD SUMMARY

$22bn blow to Marcos family

Manila: The son of Ferdinand Marcos, the late dictator of the Philippines, yesterday condemned as absurd a jury's $22 billion (£14 billion) judgment against his family, saying it implied the Marcos family had twice as much gold as there was in Fort Knox.

"Bongbong" Marcos was speaking after the jury in Hawaii made the award to a company representing a Filipino locksmith, who accused the late President of stealing a golden Buddha statue stuffed with treasure. Rene Saguisag, a human rights lawyer, said the decision was a vindication for the abuses Filipinos suffered under Marcos. *(Reuter)*

Steffi Graf deal ends jail threat

Bonn: Steffi Graf, the tennis star whose father has been remanded in custody for almost a year on charges of tax evasion, has struck a deal with the tax authorities and paid out DM3 million (£1.4 million) to avoid prosecution (Michael Kallenbach writes).

Her father, Peter, and Joachim Echardt, his financial adviser, face 11 charges of tax evasion involving more than DM19.6 million.

Film star faces new drug charge

Los Angeles: Robert Downey Jr, the actor, has been arrested on drugs charges for the third time in a month (Giles Whittell writes). The star of *Chaplin* and *Natural Born Killers* was re-arrested when he returned to a Los Angeles drug rehabilitation clinic from where he had wandered off and where he was being treated on court orders.

Japanese told to avoid raw meat

Tokyo: The Government issued a public warning not to eat raw meat after 8,000 people were stricken with illnesses linked to the O-157 colon bacteria. Four people have died in the food poisoning epidemic in two months and thousands taken ill in the past ten days. *(Reuter)*

Preacher, 136, meets his maker

Dubai: A retired mosque preacher, Ali Matar bin Ghurair, has died aged 136, Arab Emirates newspapers said. He is survived by 103 grandchildren and great grandchildren. One of his sons is 98. Villagers said he liked long walks. *(Reuter)*

Danes hail local hero's Tour win

FROM CHRISTOPHER FOLLETT IN COPENHAGEN

FLAT Denmark — a cyclist's paradise where just about everyone has a bicycle — is awash with patriotic fervour after countryman Bjarne Riis's stunning triumph in the Tour de France.

Not since the Danish football team's surprise win in the European Championship in Sweden in 1992 has the country been so excited about a sporting victory.

In recent weeks Danes have been following Riis's arduous progress through France, with more than one million people, a fifth of the population, tuned in to watch key the mountain stages. The Danish tabloids have been indulging in headlines such as "Riis set for victory in PaRiis" and "Hail the Mountain King".

Travel agents and coach operators dispatched thousands of Danes to Paris for yesterday's final stage. Riis fever has swept cycle shops, with record sales reported. Cycling holidays in Denmark have also been given a boost.

Riis is due back in Denmark this afternoon after he and his victorious German Telekom team pay their respects to Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, in Bonn. Riis is to be fêted on the open-air stage in Copenhagen's Tivoli Gardens at a special mass concert. Local celebrities and dignitaries including Poul Nyrup Rasmussen, the Prime Minister, are expected to attend.

Although everyone in Denmark is aglow with nationalist pride over Riis's victory few Danes know him as, like many other top Danish sportsmen, he lives abroad. Riis has been a resident of Luxembourg for the past decade. After a brief visit to his home in Herning he will set off to compete in the Olympic Games in Atlanta.

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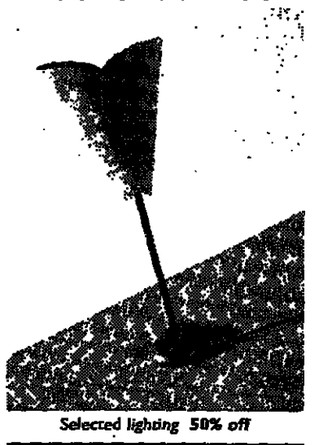

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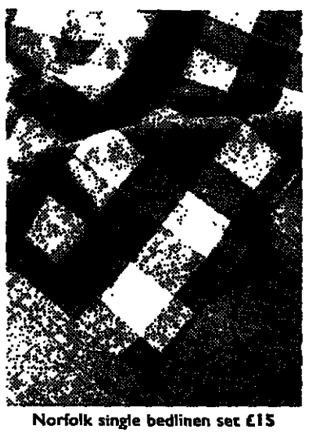

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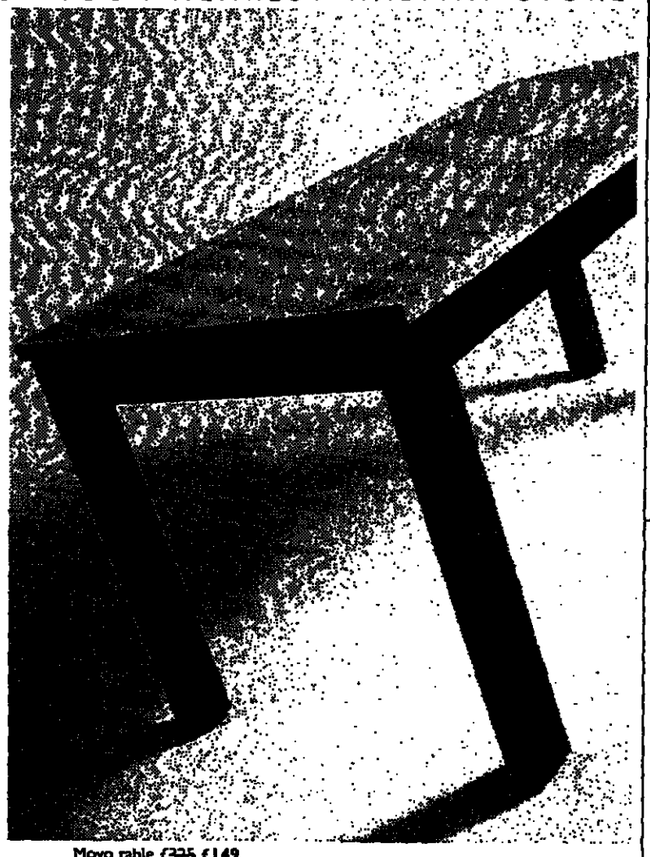

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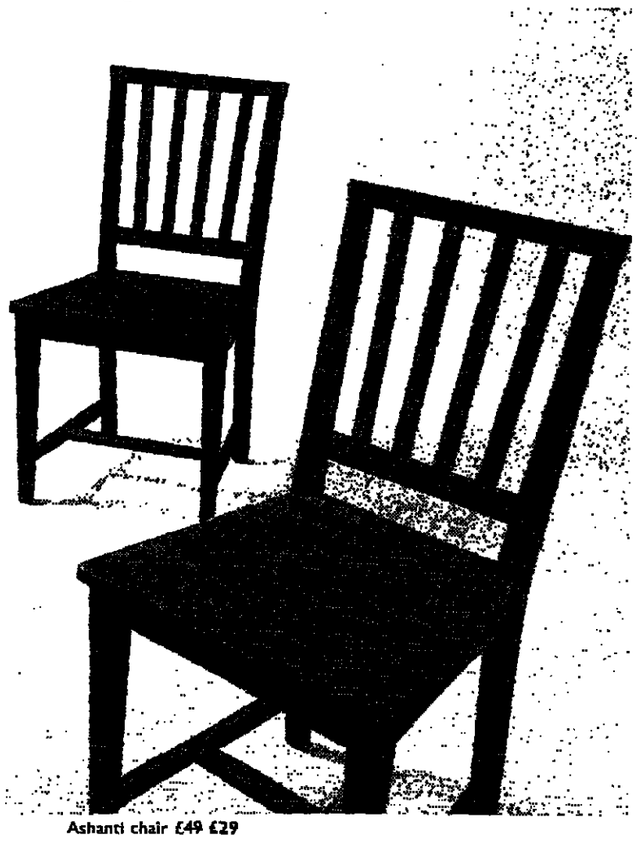

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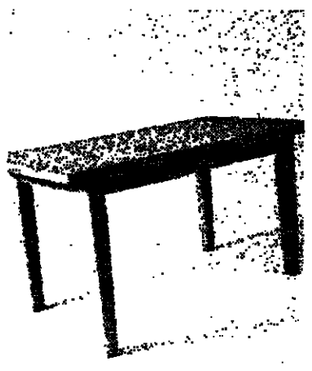

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Blair's long-winded way of saying 'No' to the euro

Who is winning the battle for Tony Blair's ear? Decoding the Labour leadership's nuances on Europe has become a growth industry employing a swelling army of Eurocrats, foreign diplomats and teenage scribblers in the City. These pundits are puzzled. With Mr Blair's grip on his party stronger than ever — he marked two years in charge at the weekend — less and less hard information emerges about his real intentions.

When a political party is run by a monarch, three groups influence the king's policy line: the populace (its views transmitted by pollsters), the king's courtiers (spin doctors, aides and consultants) and the barons (Shadow Cabinet men such as Robin Cook and Gordon Brown). Because King Tony is neither greatly interested nor closely engaged in European policy, his soundbites are forged in the melting pot of competing influences.

Until this summer, Labour's signals on the single currency were more positive than negative. After months of contemplating the problems of office from very close range indeed, the Blair court is now emitting subtly different noises.

A month ago in Bonn, Mr Blair won a standing ovation from businessmen for a "positive on Europe" speech which nevertheless pointed out that a badly executed monetary union might put jobs at risk. "The result," he said, "could be a reaction among the people that could be severe, nationalist in tone and dangerous". Mr Blair projects himself as a post-modern Gaullist: passionately in favour of weaving European nations together for the sake of peace, but coolly hard-headed in his judgment of the national interest. This chimes with public feeling, but divides the king's courtiers and barons. The pro-single currency faction has retreated to sniping at Mr Cook for suggesting that a Blair government will make a surprise dash for the single currency as soon as he has secured a large majority at Westminster.

Mr Cook's enemies paint him as an influential, Eurosceptical Rasputin who would wield even more power if he became Foreign Secretary. Wouldn't Robin, they whisper, make a superb Home Secretary?

More than a whispering campaign would be required to dislodge Mr Cook, who has been busy dispelling any impression that he is disappointed not to be involved in economic policy. Since under new rules Mr Cook is allowed access to the Foreign Office's top official, he can see what he might be doing after a May 1, 1997, election victory. There will be an EU summit in Amsterdam in June. On July 1, Hong Kong is handed to China and the Foreign Secretary joins the "troika" which represents the EU to the world. A Commonwealth heads of government summit is due in Edinburgh that autumn. He chairs a Europe-Asia conference in February 1998, just as Britain takes over the chair of the G7 summit. That spring EU leaders are to gather in Britain to decide who joins the single currency. Plenty of big-time platforms in that calendar.

Labour's policy experts have also been identifying the EU topics which can be used in a New Labour charm offensive in Brussels. The Social Chapter will be signed, alongside an attempt to soften its impact on industry. London will start to be nice to Portugal over East Timor. And the Tory Government's veto on an EU plan for ... er ... inland waterways will be lifted.

After the rest of the EU has recovered from this raft of revolutions comes the punchline on the single currency. "I could write the speech for you now," said a Labour policy-maker the other day, and then did so. "We've always said we're pro-European. But we've always said real economics are the key to monetary union. We've had a look at the books and the British economy is in a far bigger mess than we thought. Thanks for the invitation to join monetary union, but we'll have to pass this time round."

GEORGE BROCK

Serb forces 'would not resist arrest of Karadzic'

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

An American soldier of the Nato-led implementation force in Bosnia indicates the site, about three miles from the Serb-held town of Brcko, where a US Navy F18 fighter accidentally dropped a 500lb bomb on Saturday, hitting the perimeter of a base occupied by US members of the peace force. There were no reports of casualties

THE arrest of Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serbs' wartime leader, would not provoke a violent reaction among his people, the Bosnian Serb Army said at the weekend.

Senior Serb officers told the commander of ground forces in Nato's peace force in Bosnia that the Serb military had nothing to do with threats of retaliation against Nato and UN personnel.

General Zdravko Tolimir, deputy to General Ratko Mladic, the Bosnian Serb military leader who is shunned by the Nato-led Ifor because he, like Dr Karadzic, has been indicted as a war criminal, told Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Walker, the ground forces commander, that the Serb military was indifferent to Dr Karadzic's removal.

Fears that there would be a backlash against moves to arrest Dr Karadzic and try him for war crimes at the UN tribunal in The Hague have been further allayed by a group of senior Western analysts. The International Crisis Group, which includes former Prime Ministers (Michel Rocard of France, Mark Eyskens of Belgium and Malcolm Fraser of Australia) and several former foreign ministers, is chaired by George Mitchell, the former US senator who also chairs the all-party talks on Northern Ireland. It has been monitoring non-military aspects of the Dayton peace agreement.

The group sent a team to the Bosnian Serb stronghold of Pale outside Sarajevo which has concluded in a report that "the likelihood of violence if Karadzic is arrested is minimal", adding: "The long-term risks of leaving him at liberty outweigh the short-term risks of arresting him".

The report goes on: "As long as Karadzic is at liberty, even if no longer President, the existing power structure will be unchanged ... It is difficult to see how Pale might use violence, apart from hostage-taking and minor acts of terrorism, against Ifor or the international community in the event of Karadzic's arrest."

The group does caution, however, that most of the moderate political opponents to Dr Karadzic's SDS party are also opposed to his arrest. "While they agree that Karadzic is a war criminal, they insist that, if he is to be tried, then so should both Alija Izetbegovic [the Bosnian President] and Franjo Tudjman [the Croatian President]."

The group says that "most ordinary Serbs in Republika Srpska have lost touch with reality ... they simply cannot understand why the international community appears bent on creating a Muslim state in Europe. While the popular Serb analysis of the conflict in Bosnia-Herzegovina is selective and skewed, the conspiracy theorists have plenty of ammunition," the report says.

"They draw particular attention to the fall of the Serb republic of Krajina in Croatia and the fate of the Sarajevo Serbs" who fled or were harassed by Muslims when they handed over Serb suburbs to the Bosnian Government under the Dayton accord. The report recommends the arrest of Dr Karadzic and General Mladic as soon as possible, and calls on the international community to try to marginalise the hardliners surrounding Dr Karadzic.

Belgian divisions cast gloom on anniversary joys

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

KING ALBERT II joined his people in celebrating the 165th birthday of Belgium yesterday but the parades, fly-bys and fireworks could not mask the unease caused by a new surge of Flemish separatist feeling.

For the "silent majority" of Belgians who support the unified kingdom, the national day was a chance to wave the red, yellow and black tricolor in defiance of the separatists who are urging a divorce between Dutch-speaking Flanders and French-speaking Wallonia. A swimming gold medal for Fredrick Deburghgraeve at the Olympics spurred the celebrations of "Belgitude". Patriotic pride was also touched when the King elevated Eddie Merckx, the cycling champion, to the rank of baron in his honours list.

King Albert: high honour for Merckx

However, the anniversary of free Belgium and the elevation of King Leopold I in 1831 was set against polemics over the fate of the nation. The bickering between the linguistic communities has reached high pitch as leaders of prosperous Flanders have denounced "layabout" Walloons for living off their labour.

Walloons claim the Flemings are arrogant, and were incensed when Luc van den Brande, president of the Flanders region, appeared on the Eurovision song contest to wish Belgium's entrant good luck only on behalf of Flanders. Further injury followed when the Belgian jury gave their points in English. The French-speakers are also upset over Flanders' decision this month to withdraw from Belgium's foreign tourist offices in order to promote Flanders separately.

La Libre Belgique, a Brussels daily, yesterday compared Belgium to the former Yugoslavia and urged the country to stick together. Belgium, it said, needed time to settle into its new federal state. In a move watched closely by Scottish nationalists, power was devolved from Brussels in 1993 when Flanders, Wallonia and the Brussels region were given semi-autonomous powers.

There has been no hint of violence, but the rise in ethnic rhetoric has made the Belgium-Bosnia reference something of a cliché as leaders of Flanders and Wallonia have competed in name-calling. In the national parliament recently senior French-speakers told the Flemings not to be surprised if Wallonia decided to become part of France, an idea that was until recently the preserve of eccentric groups.

Walloon ire was stirred by a provocative Ulster-style parade to mark the Battle of the Golden Spur, one of Flanders' great historic references. Mr van den Brande used the occasion to set out demands for full tax-raising powers for Flanders and a separation of the Belgian social security budget.

Welfare-state spending and the accompanying taxes are the flashpoint of Flemish anger because the Walloons, with much higher unemployment and lower wages, receive proportionately more funds. The Prime Minister's drive to cut the budget to qualify for European monetary union has sharpened the antagonism.

Mr van den Brande denies that he wants full independence and talks about confederation and exploiting Flanders' role as an EU autonomous region. But the French-speakers say his demands would inevitably lead to a schism like that between Slovakia and the Czech Republic.

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Government rocked by huge Tamil assault

BY CHRISTOPHER THOMAS, SOUTH ASIA CORRESPONDENT

THE Tamil Tigers have killed hundreds of Sri Lankan troops in four of the bloodiest days of fighting in the 13-year separatist uprising. The Government's boast that it would end the war by next year suddenly looks embarrassingly hollow.

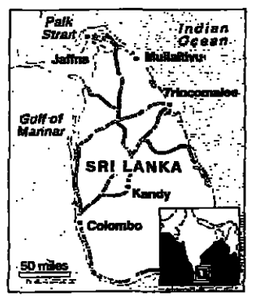
The armed forces were last night trying to reinforce the strategic Mullaitivu base in the northeast of the island, which the Tigers claimed to have captured.

The rebels said in a statement from London that more than 1,000 troops had died. This is undoubtedly an exaggeration, but military sources acknowledged that the toll was extremely high.

The Government announced in Colombo that it had lost contact with Mullaitivu and an air force official admitted last night: "Repeated efforts to reach the beleaguered troops have failed. We have still not reached the camp."

The Defence Ministry later said a naval craft had landed commandos on the beach near the base after beating off intense rebel fire. A spokesman said Mi-24 helicopter gunships had destroyed several Tiger suicide naval vessels in the process of landing the troops.

The statements amount to a tacit acknowledgment that the armed forces are facing one of their most devastating losses of the war, perhaps on the scale of the 1993 assault on the Pooneryn army base in the north of the island in which 750 soldiers, as well as 700 Tigers, died. The battle will force the Government and the armed forces to reassess the rebels' capabilities.



It is the first big confrontation since the Tigers were ousted from their headquarters in Jaffna city in December — the fighters' greatest psychological defeat and one the Government thought would turn the tide irreversibly against them.

The Tigers' deceit in peace negotiations and their continued bombing attacks on civilian targets have left them internationally isolated, but they patently remain capable of sustaining one of the world's longest terrorist wars at an intense level.

The rebels appear to have retained the allegiance of most of the tens of thousands of Jaffna Tamils, despite being ousted from the peninsula. This may be largely through intimidation, but it nevertheless undermines the Government's hopes of winning the hearts and minds of the Tamil minority.

Civilian Tamils who have been warming to government overtures to return home to what are called "liberated areas" may think again now the Tigers have proved that they remain a potent force.

The military had been questioning the Tigers' ability to fight on, except with small hit-and-run attacks. Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga, the President, may regret her assertion that the war would be over by the end of next year, itself an extension of an earlier prediction that it would be over by spring this year. She is returning early to Sri Lanka from a private visit to London to deal with the crisis.

The Government said more than 300 Tigers had died in the battle for Mullaitivu base; the rebels last night admitted to 120 dead and claimed to have recovered the bodies of 800 government troops. They said the toll continued to rise because of fierce fighting around the camp perimeter.

The Tigers claimed last night that they would hand over the bodies of 500 government soldiers to the International Committee of the Red Cross today.

Bangladeshis from the village of Kalma north of Dhaka prepare to abandon their homes with salvaged possessions yesterday after flooding along the Padma River. Floods have affected 2.2 million people across half of Bangladesh, the Government reported. A spokesman said 33 out of 64 administrative districts across the north, northwest and northeast of the country had been affected in the second round of flooding since early June. The spokesman put the official death toll in the most recent inundations at six people. Flooding has also hit China, where rescue workers yesterday airlifted hundreds of tonnes of food and mineral water to the city of Liuzhou in Guangxi province. (AFP/Reuter)

Millions flee from floods

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Unions in conflict with ANC over cuts

FROM R.W. JOHNSON IN JOHANNESBURG

TENSION between the South African Government and trade unions over economic policy broke into the open over the weekend.

Sam Shilowa, head of the Confederation of South African Trade Unions, condemned the Goverment's policy as "unworkable". "Something has gone terribly wrong in South Africa if [such] a document could be put on the table," he said.

The Government's strategy document calls for a sharp reduction in the budget deficit from 6 per cent to 3 per cent of GDP, a ceiling on wage increases, the defence of the rand and the "restructuring" of state assets. It is still unclear who drew up this strikingly conservative plan: all the usual left-wing advisers and think-tanks were ignored, and rumour has it that British Treasury advice was influential.

The strategy was greeted with some warmth by business, but with an icy silence from the unions, which clearly felt constrained by loyalty to their ANC allies. It was hard to see how this could last; the plan means big spending cuts with large job losses, and the Government has now made it plain that "restructuring" means privatisation — to which the unions are flatly opposed.

But the problem goes deeper than that. The Government's Reconstruction and Development Plan — on which it fought the 1994 election — promising "jobs, jobs, jobs", was very much the work of the trade unions. Now, however, the plan exists only in name.

Attacking Trevor Manuel, the Finance Minister, by name for his "neo-liberal plan which poses serious difficulties for the working class and the country as a whole", Mr Shilowa argued bitterly that the ANC of pre-1994 days would never have come up with a plan of this nature. Such remarks denote a growing bitterness at the way the ANC's revolution has been expropriated by the new black middle class.

Burma is embraced by Asean nations

FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN JAKARTA

BURMA has been welcomed into the Association of South-East Asian Nations with observer status, despite Western concern over its human rights record.

Foreign Ministers of Asean took the decision despite the junta's continued refusal to recognise the results of the 1991 elections and despite America's concern about Burma as a centre of the international drugs trade.

Burma's internal political situation was not on the agenda when the ministers met at the weekend despite calls by Aung San Suu Kyi, Burma's pro-democracy leader, for sanctions to be imposed.

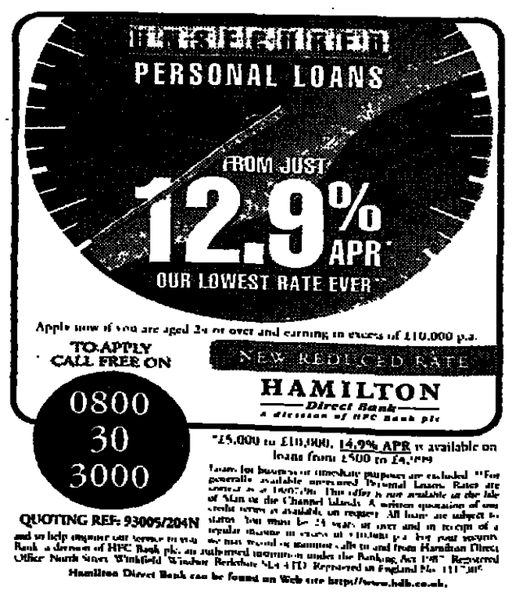
A statement from Manuel Marin, vice-president of the European Commission, said that closer links between Burma and Asean would "inevitably create considerable difficulties" for relations between the EU and Asean.

Ajit Singh, Asean's secretary-general, said: "The West and the media are going on a witch hunt as far as Myanmar [Burma] is concerned ... it is not an issue at all as far as Asean is concerned. If you isolate Myanmar you leave them with only one option: the China option."

Ali Alatas, the Indonesian Foreign Minister, added: "Asean knows there are problems in the country, but we think the best way to resolve them is not through, as some Western countries proposed, the application of sanctions or by isolating Myanmar. Rather we would try, as fellow South East Asians, to show our understanding and support for a peaceful reconciliation among the people of Myanmar."

Cambodia and Laos, which are already observers, are likely to be accepted as full members from the beginning of next year. Asean comprises Indonesia, Brunei, Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, the Philippines and Vietnam.

Burma's state media hailed the decision as a step towards regional unity that had foiled the Government's critics.



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LEHMAN HOLDS HIS NERVE TO WIN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Lehman raises his arms after making the putt which gave him a two-stroke victory in the Open Championship at Royal Lytham and St Annes yesterday. Reports and scoreboard, pages 26, 27. Photograph: Ian Stewart

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GOLF: AMERICAN ADMONISHES HIS FELLOW US PGA TOUR PROFESSIONALS FOR OPTING OUT OF OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING

Brooks's apprenticeship serves him well

By Mel Webb

MARK BROOKS was in a strong position for a long time in this championship, and the fact that he faded out of contention in the last few holes hardly took the gloss off a second good Open in as many years. At least he made the effort.

Brooks has been one of two leading Americans to have criticised the decision by several of their peers not to play in this championship. He has a high regard for the traditions of the Open, and believes that no player's education is complete until he has played in what he, like most Americans, calls the British Open.

"I just think they're missing out on something special," he said after a round of 71 to finish joint fifth, making him one of the key figures on the last day of the tournament for the second year in succession — he finished tied for third at St Andrews last year.

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"I can understand why guys stay away if they have to qualify. Our tour is pretty competitive now — players will need probably more than $160,000 to qualify for a card in the top 125 next year, and in the past, earnings here have not been official prize-money on our tour.

"If guys are concentrating on getting their card, they have to take two, maybe three weeks off to acclimatise and try to qualify, and it's pretty expensive to come over here and try for one of 12 places on one of the qualifying courses. You can be out of the tournament by Monday night.

"But for the guys in the top 50 in the rankings it's not so easy to understand. It's quite a tournament, and I would never stay away if I was eligible to play."

Brooks, 35, is a personable Texan who has a high regard for the traditions of the championship and, with the exception of Royal St George's, in Kent, has played all the courses on the Open rota. The fact that he hails from the Lone Star state helps him, he thinks, when he comes to take on the wind and the whins of Open courses.

"I was brought up to play in the wind, and I'm only sorry that it didn't blow a little harder this week. If it had, I think the field might have got a little more spread out, and I believe I would have had a better chance of winning. Having said that, I've had a good championship; I've enjoyed myself."

Brad Faxon did not have as good a championship as Brooks — he had a closing 75 to finish on one under par — but, in a way, that only makes him more qualified to pass some sort of judgment on the benefits to be gained from playing in Open Championships.

"This is the Olympics of golf," he said. "This is the oldest and biggest championship we play. I do not know why guys who are exempt do not come over. This is real golf, and it is special to all of us. Only 11 US Tour players entered the qualifying and only seven turned up. I'm embarrassed by this, and I'm not the only one. I don't think you should be allowed to play in the Ryder Cup or the President's Cup [the match between the United States and the rest of the world in non-Ryder Cup years] if you don't come over when you're exempt. I don't think you should win any prize-money anywhere else, either."

For the most part, Brooks's game swore evidence on his own behalf, showing a deft touch with the knock-down shots that are so necessary in British seaside golf like an honorary Scotsman. He was in the picture until well after the turn, and was ten under par through nine holes.

The wheels started to work slightly loose, however, on the 11th, where he hit fairway sand on the left. The first place you do not want to be off the drive here is on the left, and if you are in the bunker on that side, it makes things much tougher.

Still, he got out of the trap, but finished in the rough on the other side of the fairway. A sweetly-struck fairway wood got him out of jail, and two putts earned him an unlikely par.

The vital part of his round was now approaching. The 12th and 13th represent just about the last good chances to gain shots before hitting the fiendishly difficult last five holes, and he lost his chance of a birdie on the short 12th when he missed the green, then went into a greenside bunker at the 13th, where a little swale on the green carried the ball away from the hole, leaving him to save par from eight feet.

He closed on a low note, dropping shots at the last two holes. "I just picked the wrong club both times," he said. Still it did not put him off, and he will back for more at Royal Troon next year. If he has his way, there will be a few more Americans making the trip with him.

Brooks, who kept his Open Championship challenge alive until the final few holes, follows his drive from the 5th tee at Lytham yesterday. Photograph: Ian Stewart

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Daly grind but former champion has crowd in his thrall

By Mel Webb

THE MANNER in which John Daly ended his tenure as Open champion yesterday was almost a microcosm of a life and career in which there is no middle ground, only troughs and peaks. For half of his round he did little to enhance his reputation, in the other half he seemed suddenly to have remembered that he had a reputation to enhance.

He started miserably, dropping five shots in the first five holes: worse, he did not seem to care particularly. He slouched, he wore a permanently sullen look, he barely acknowledged a gallery that was straining with every sinew to find something about his game about which to enthuse.

They wanted to see him hit huge shots with the power that sees the ball leave the clubhead like a spark off a blacksmith's anvil. They willed him to display his much-vaunted short game: they did their damnedest to urge the ball into the hole and it was all in vain. The misery continued, with none of the clover-honey smoothness and dogged determination he showed at St Andrews last year.

And yet, when he plays as he did for nine holes here, people could be forgiven if they turned their backs on him. But they do not do that. They love the colour and the vitality he is capable of bringing to the game, and even when he missed the fairway on every par-four or par-five until the 10th, they were still rooting for him.

Example: Daly reaches the par-five 7th, pulls out his driver, lets rip, puts the ball into deep rough on the left and moves it no more than 20 yards. It is an appropriately heavy penalty for a dreadful drive and yet when he hacks it out of deep undergrowth, several voices tell him how well he has done to get it out. But what about the moment of gross awfulness that had put him in there in the first place? Forgotten: people do genuinely want the man to do well.

If they had been with him since the start — and it would have been a considerable declaration of faith on their part — they'd have seen him drop a shot on each of the first three holes, then double-bogey the 4th after three-putting from 12 feet.

And so he went on, taking 40 to the turn. It was not until he reached the 11th that he became a professional golfer again, instead of one who was merely playing for money.

From then on, he was steadiness itself. No shot was too much trouble, no putt unworthy of being stalked and throughly examined, with only a double-bogey hiccough, on the last, betraying him in a round of 77. It was quite a change, both in the quality of the golf and the way he was playing it. Compared with earlier, it was a total contradiction in terms: but then, so is the man himself.

Clarke and Stricker already awaiting their Open return

Patricia Davies on two players captivated by their experience of playing in the final round

DARREN CLARKE and Steve Stricker, two big broths of boys from opposite sides of the Atlantic, sampled the big time in the final round of the Open yesterday and after an afternoon on the fringes were eager for a more central role in years to come.

"I loved it," Clarke, a roly-poly, ebullient Ulsterman, who shared 11th place on 278, six under par, after a level par 71, said. Stricker, a lower-key fellow altogether, had the same appreciative gleam in his eye after their reception from the massed stands at the 18th. It was his first experience of an Open and he will be back for more at Royal Troon next year.

"It was a tough day," the 29-year old from Wisconsin, who has won twice on the US tour this season and earned nearly a million dollars already, said. He chipped and putted for his only birdie of the day at the long 11th but dropped three shots in a row from the 12th before stabilising with pars at the last four holes for a round of 74 and a total of 281. "It was a lot of fun, but very different from what I'm used to," Stricker added. "The course kind of grew on you — at first I was not so sure — and I think I grew up a lot this week."

Stricker, a blond, lithe six footer, looked dwarfed by Clarke, a 27-year old of six foot two with the comfortable build of an old-fashioned rugby forward. Starting at six under par, they were always likely to be playing in the non-Lehman version of the championship and there was no fast start to hurtle them into the thick of the fray.

The initials on their green golf bags were impressive, PHD for the American, whose wife Nicki caddies for him, and VIP for the Ulsterman, who employs Billy Foster, a no-nonsense Yorkshireman who kept Severiano Ballesteros more or less under control for an impressive number of years, but the putts, mostly long, failed to drop.

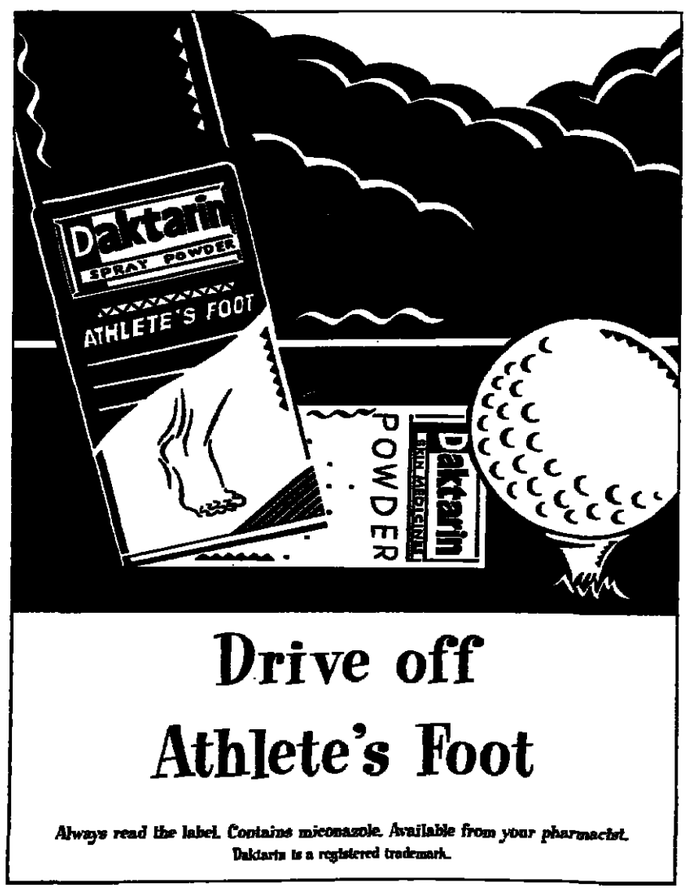
Clarke and Stricker were sticking rather than striking and although they drew warm applause, the real action was elsewhere. Fred Couples, in the pair behind, was charging and there were patriotic screeches of encouragement for Nick Faldo.

Foster was doing his best to keep Clarke sensible, persuading his boss not to attack some wickedly teasing pins in a death or glory bid to make a move and in the end it paid off, for the hero of Dungannon Golf Club already knows he has played his way into the field next year.

Out in 35, level par, Clarke dropped a shot at the 10th via one of Lytham's penal bunkers. But he then rolled home a birdie putt of ten feet at the 13th, nearly sank a 45 footer for a birdie three at the next, and moved to seven under par with a 12-foot birdie putt at the 15th.

It might have been a case of too little too late but it will help teach a young man impatient for success — and the fruits thereof — the value of patience, and the refusal to give up or regard the job as finished until the last putt is holed. Clarke bogeyed the last after hitting a bad two-iron into a bunker but he holed a good putt for his five and acclaimed the crowd with such an outgoing wave of his visor and his putter that there was no doubt this limelight was for him.

Stricker relished his applause, too and they will both be back again in years to come. Great things, like Open championship victories, are predicted for them, but they could not ask for a better tribute than the one offered, with no prompting at all, by the scorer who walked the dusty 18 holes with them. "Two of the nicest young men you could hope to meet," she said.



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Elder statesmen revive golden memories of their days in sun

John Hopkins on a trio whose feats delighted generations

They came to the 18th with the relaxed air of men who have done it all. The pressure was off them. Let others strain every sinew to squeeze another stroke from the course. Bob Charles, Jack Nicklaus and Brian Barnes were enjoying themselves, concluding their respective rounds as Nick Faldo and Tom Lehman were beginning theirs. Charles gave a wave. Nicklaus removed his cap to acknowledge the ovation. Barnes holed a long putt, took off his visor and gave a theatrical bow.

Of the three men competing to be leading senior, only Charles has won an Open at Royal Lytham. "It was a stiffer test then," Charles said after his 77, his worst round of the week, put him seven over par. "That was my year, all right, 1963. It was not running quite so hard and fast then as now. A links course is a different test in a wind. The great links courses only bare their teeth in winds in excess of 15mph." He looked around.

"There has been no wind for three days and there's only a light breeze now."

Charles, 60, was a beautiful putter and his three putts on the 10th yesterday were his only three-putt of the week. "I preferred the small ball," Charles said of the 1.62in diameter ball that went out of use in 1974 to be replaced by one of 1.68in diameter. "I found it easier to get a small ball into a large hole than a large ball into a small hole." Putting contributed to Nicklaus's woes in the fourth round of his 39th Open. "I was around the hole all day," Nicklaus said. "I just could not get the ball *into* the hole."

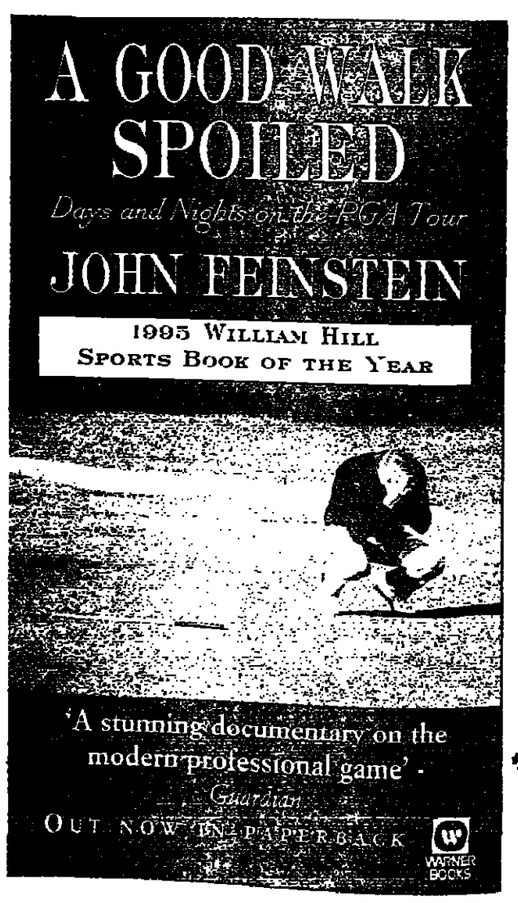
But what everyone wanted to know was whether Nicklaus, now 56, would be back at Royal Troon in 1997. Nicklaus received prolonged applause on the 18th green. "You had better do that again, Jack," Michael Bonallack, secretary of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club, said as Nicklaus walked to hand in his card. "I don't think so," Nicklaus replied. "I've had enough." "You say that every year," Bonallack responded.

"My time is past," Nicklaus insisted, before being told that his 73 was good enough for a total of 285, one over par, two strokes better than Barnes's 287. "I am not going to play in every major just to say I played in every major. I am very appreciative of the people's support and once or twice more I might play for that — but I would rather just play golf."

Barnes's last round was a 75, his highest of the week. He breathed a sigh of relief that he would not have to confront Lytham's bunkers any more. In an echo of criticisms by other players at tournaments earlier in the season, he said there was too much sand and that as a result a ball would not roll to the bottom of the bunker, which made getting out very difficult.

He looked forward to the British Seniors Open at Royal Portrush this week, having changed his original decision not to go. Barnes, 51, has enjoyed a marvellous year on the seniors' tour in the US, just as Charles, 60, did when he first became eligible.

It would not be possible to find two more enthusiastic spokesmen. Barnes cites the condition of the courses and the continual sunshine. "If it wasn't for the US Seniors' tour," Charles said, "I'd be shearing sheep, making hay, feeding animals. It has given me a new lease of life. I've probably got four more years on it before I stop."



GOLF: FALDO'S CHALLENGE FADES AS AMERICAN HOLDS OFF ALL-COMERS TO CLAIM POPULAR SUCCESS AT ROYAL LYTHAM AND ST ANNES

Lehman reaps rich reward for years of toil

BY JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

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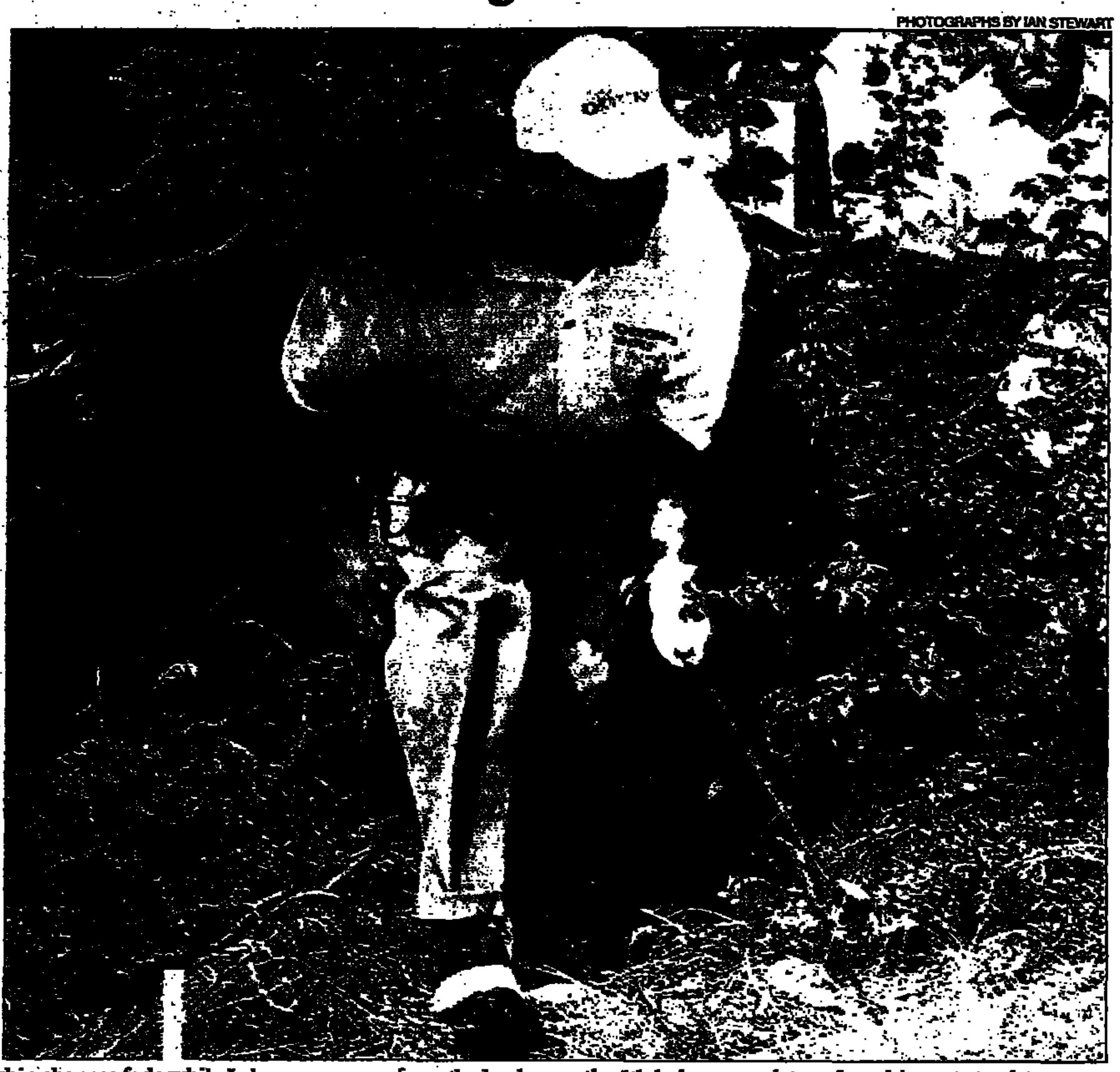

Faldo looks on in disgust yesterday as his championship chances fade while Lehman emerges from the bushes on the 6th hole, a rare detour from his route to victory

WHEN Tom Lehman hoisted the claret jug over his sunburned face last night having become the first American professional to win an Open Championship at Royal Lytham and St Annes Golf Club, he earned the admiration of everyone in golf. "Wow," was his first word as a slow, almost shy smile spread over his features. "Wow."

Lehman is 37 and has had to work hard for everything that has come his way. Not so long ago, he was nearly broke, down to his last few thousand dollars. He was playing on the mini-tours until 1993. He had surgery for cancer two years ago. Only last month, the US Open was dashed from his grasp at Oakland Hills, Detroit.

Now, though, Lehman has won the game's oldest championship. After a stunning display in his third round, when

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he set a new course record, he was more calculating and less inspired in his fourth as he faced challenges that seemed to come at him from all directions.

His performance throughout a testing afternoon bore out what Mark McCumber had said about him earlier: "Tom is tenacious. He is at peace with himself. If Tom holds to win, I think that players around the world will think that he is a deserving champion."

Lehman, whose father followed him every step of his last round, began the day with a six-stroke lead over Nick Faldo. He doggedly held off Ernie Els, McCumber, Faldo and, early in his round, Fred Couples and Mark Brooks. No one got closer to Lehman than two strokes and he won by two strokes. His fourth round of 71 and gave him a 72-hole total of 271, 13 under par.

Before Faldo and Lehman teed off, each did some last-minute putting. Faldo grabbed the shady position on the putting green and worked under the eyes of David Leadbetter, his coach. Lehman worked away nearby. It was Lehman's eleven single putts that helped him to a 64 in the third round. It was a putting performance of similar standard that Faldo needed in the fourth round if he was to catch Lehman and win his second major championship of the year.

He could not do it. By the 7th, he had missed three short putts of the length he should have holed if he was to pressurise Lehman. Try as Faldo might, he could not find the spark that would have ignited his game. His round of 70 was his worst of the week by two strokes. He got to 11 under par after nine holes, had a bold attempt for a birdie on the 10th, could not birdie the 11th, hit a wild drive on the 14th and drove into a bunker on the 15th. He finished on 274, ten under par, in fourth place.

Throughout the afternoon, Lehman was under siege from his countrymen, from Faldo and from Els, the South African. McCumber's 66, which took him to 11 under, was the first significant challenge. McCumber, 44, played quite beautifully, flighting his iron shots in a way that he has not been able to do in an Open before. He reached the turn in 32, three under par, birdied the 11th and 14th and was level on 11 under par with Faldo, following 40 minutes behind.

In trying hard to get one more birdie, McCumber was found out, as so many have been, by the 15th. He hit his second shot right and then was disappointed to see the way his pitch ran on and on, ending six feet past the hole, from where he missed. He had birdied the 16th each day and, his disappointment at his mistake still uppermost in his mind, he did so again. He needed one more birdie, he calculated, to stand a realistic chance of getting in a play-off.

When his seven iron landed 15 feet from the flag at the last, he had given himself a chance. "If I make this," he thought to himself as he prowled around on the green sizing up his line, "I am in with a chance." He missed it and finished with a 66 to be 11 under par.

Els, on the other hand, having played some brilliant golf to close in on Lehman, then spoiled things. He was disconsolate at the end — and with justification. You only get a finite number of chances to win a major championship and, after a 67, he felt he had thrown away one of the best he has had recently. His undoing was to hit two bad drives at precisely the time he should not have done. After perhaps his best shot of the week, an eight iron to one yard on the 15th, he was 13 under par and two strokes behind Lehman, who still had five holes to go.

Els needed one more birdie, but instead he yanked an iron from the 16th tee into a bunker and ran up a bogey. His drive was fine on the 17th, but he could not hole a 30-foot putt there and, under pressure, another wild drive, this time with a three wood, on the last meant he had dropped two strokes in three holes and was level with McCumber in second place.

On another bright, sunny and windless day, Tiger Woods won the silver medal for being the leading amateur because he was the only amateur to survive the cut. He will have learned a little more about competing on links courses.

John Daly, the defending champion, ended with a 77, hardly the round of a man who was trying hard and this lame performance, which concluded with a six on the 72nd green, will be further evidence that Daly still has to shed his tendency to give up when not in contention.

Daly is said to be considering acquiring his own plane, which would cost him up to $3 million. Such a figure is beyond the comprehension of Gordon Law, a 30-year-old Scot, who was one of only two qualifiers to play all four rounds and whose 74 put him on 288, four over par. The other was Arnaud Langenaeken, of Belgium. Law is the club professional at Uphill golf club near Edinburgh and this Saturday he will be back there competing in a club pro-am. He does not harbour dreams of joining the European Tour. His ambitions are no higher than to look after the needs of his members.

FINAL ROUND LEADERBOARD

[4] Par; ● Under par; ■ Over par

Royal Lytham and St Annes: Par 71 (6,892 yards)

Outward nine - 35 (3,330 yards); Inward nine - 36 (3,562 yards)

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	1st rnd	2nd rnd	3rd rnd	4th rnd	Total
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E Els	3	●	■	4	3	●	●	4	3	●	5	●	●	4	●	■	4	■	68	67	71	67	273
N Faldo	3	4	4	●	3	5	5	4	●	4	5	3	4	4	■	4	4	4	68	68	68	70	274
J Maggert	●	●	4	4	3	5	●	●	■	4	●	3	●	■	4	●	4	4	69	70	72	65	276
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G Turner	3	■	●	4	3	●	5	■	●	4	●	3	●	4	●	4	4	■	72	69	68	68	277
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Total under par

Champion's epic journey ends on the crest of emotional wave

MICHAEL HENDERSON

At Royal Lytham and St Annes

A zephyr came to Lytham yesterday, fanning many a heated brow, but Nick Faldo did not need the breeze to blow him round the last 18 holes of this magnificent Open Championship. The crowd, kindling an ambition that glowed no less brightly than his, bowled him along with shouts of encouragement all the way to the final green where, at last, he had to bend his knee to a golfer whose own refused to buckle.

So, an American professional has finally won at Lytham, 70 years after Bobby Jones, the amateur, left his imprimatur on this soil. It was a triumph of perseverance, the sort that appealed to Tennyson: "Strong in will, to strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield."

Lehman's journey may not have run as many miles as the mighty Ulysses but he has been buffeted by a few storms in his time, and nobody can begrudge him the safe waters he found last night.

Faldo really shook him, make no mistake about that. At the start of the round, as Lehman waited to tee-off, the Englishman kept him waiting for a good three minutes, as Viv Richards used to do on important occasions, as if to remind people just who they were waiting for, and what they could expect. Many sportsmen affect to play these "mind games". Faldo, as a big, blond Australian can confirm, is one of the few who really can intimidate opponents.

As he marched ahead from tee to green in those crucial opening holes, he walked with a purpose that suggested that he, and not the Minnesotan, was defending a six-stroke lead. The mood was something like a revivalist gathering as spectators hailed him as the one true leader. There were ocean breakers of applause, wave upon wave, as even the ordinary shots brought yells of encouragement.

Alas, he was not up to it, missing a birdie chance on the 1st green and, after Lehman had bogeyed the 3rd to leave the barn door open to a hefty kick, missing puttable opportunities at three successive holes, two of them biting the lip. "I had the chances at five, six and seven," he said later, "and it was difficult to keep my confidence up after that".

Keeping up confidence has not come easily to Lehman. As recently as four years ago he was playing on mini-tours in the boondocks and, though that is some way above being a municipal hacker, it is not the place to win major championships. Between 1985 and 1992 he played only four events on the PGA Tour so this is a result golfers everywhere will acclaim, because they can understand how hard Lehman has struggled to achieve it. More than most, this was a victory for Everyman.

He has struggled, too. Three times in the last two years he has had chances to win majors, faltering on the final hole at the 1994 Masters, and losing out in successive US Opens, most recently to Steve Jones. Without over-egging the pudding, it seems clear that Lehman, who holds a deep and uncomplicated Christian faith, can take a broader view than most sportsmen. When you have beaten cancer, as he did two years ago, a victory on the links appears less significant in the overall shape of life.

Lehman admitted filling up as he approached the final green as the Open champion with his father, Jim, who had made a late decision to join him, waiting by the clubhouse. "I've watched the scene on television all these years, as the leader fights his way through the crowds, and to go up there as the leader, I had tears in my eyes. Nick came by and said: 'Well pleased, you deserved it.' "

He singled out one stroke, a four-iron at the 12th that left him with a 12ft putt, as "the best of the week". That restored his four-shot lead, and though there were bogeys at the 14th and 17th, Faldo's inability to take those early chances had been decisive. "He played sensible golf today," the Masters champion said. "The round he played yesterday was the key to the Open."

Lehman was articulate and graceful in victory, maintaining the tone of this championship. Golf, it is clear, has a capacity for bringing the best out of people, just as football invariably brings out baser instincts. Although most people on the course yesterday willed Faldo to win, they treated Lehman as one of their own and accepted his victory with an unforced warmth.

If he never achieves another major in his career Lehman can reflect on this one with a champion's pride, particularly on that third round of 64 that set it up. As for Faldo, shed no tears. A lion may be stung from time to time but it still remains a lion. If it should not be long before this one is roaring again.

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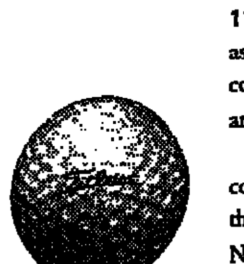

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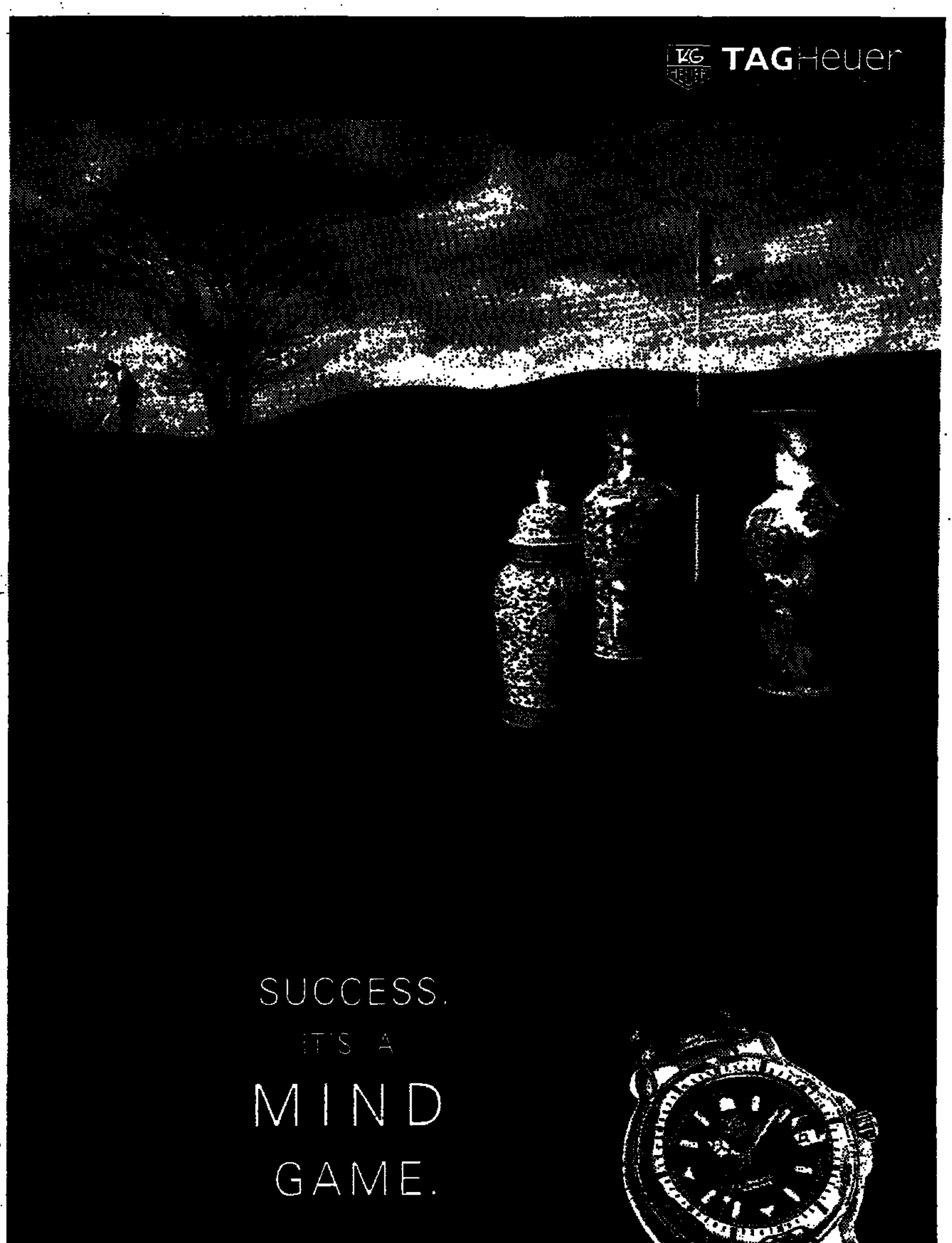

OLYMPIC GAMES: TRIUMPH MAY BE PRECURSOR TO FURTHER MEDAL SUCCESS FOR IRELAND'S FIRST OLYMPIC SWIMMING CHAMPION

Smith set to build on gold standard

FROM CRAIG LORD IN ATLANTA

THEY will no doubt be planning a homecoming to end them all for Michelle Smith *far beyond the Poiton Still pub* in Rathcoole, Dublin, but the party may have only just begun for Ireland's first Olympic swimming champion.

On the strength of her victory in the 400 metres medley in 4min 39.18sec, the eighth fastest ever, on Saturday, Smith, 26, is favoured to *win further medals* in the 400 metres freestyle, 200 metres butterfly and 200 metres medley and could turn out to be the swimmer of the Games.

"I'll take it one race at a time. It's very hot and humid, *it's going to be hard to* compete over seven days," she cautioned the herd of Irish

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journalists panning for another golden seam in their latest national treasure.

Smith's parents, Brian and Pat, who had to watch their daughter win two European titles on television at The Poiton last year after a mix-up over *travel tickets had left* them stranded, are here. They must scarcely have recognised their daughter. The black Aquablade suit she wore, with knee-length shorts reminiscent of the pre-War Olympics, was almost as impressive as her explosion off the block in the 400 metres medley. Smith's lead after the butterfly was three metres, a split of 1min 02.21sec just inside world *record pace*.

The defending champion, Krizstina Egerszegi, of Hungary, world record-holder at 200 metres backstroke, caught and passed Smith on the backstroke leg while Smith and Allison Wagner, of the United States, recovered their *respective deficits on the* breaststroke leg.

However, when push finally came to shove, Smith displayed an aggression on freestyle that left Wagner and Egerszegi for dead and battling for the minor medals. The American got the touch, in 4:42.03 to 4:42.53.

The Irishwoman's improvement since Barcelona is the stuff of legend: 26th in 1992 in 4min 58.94sec, she leapt to a 4:47.89 in winning the B, or consolation final, at the world championships in 1994, and to 4:42.81 in finishing second behind Egerszegi at the European championships last year, when she became Ireland's first European champion, with victories in both the 200 metres butterfly and 200 metres *medley. And now, in* Atlanta, she has cut her best to 4min 39.18sec.

Smith lives in Hardinxveld-Giesendam, a village near Rotterdam, and is married to Erik de Bruin, the Dutch discus thrower with whom she trains and who is at present serving a suspension for steroid abuse.

Smith puts her new-found musculature and strength (made all the more noticeable by her 5ft 3in height), down to hard work in the gym as well as the pool. During her final preparations for the Games, Smith raced in a local event in Florida and clocked 4min 08.64sec for 400 metres freestyle, the fastest time in the world this year.

Smith was initially barred from swimming that event in Atlanta because her time was set two days after the entry deadline had closed on July 5.

The Irish team management surmounted the problem by withdrawing their original entry and replacing her with a new name: Michelle Smith. Whatever her results amid the Coke signs and commercialism of these Games, Ireland's first female Olympic flagbearer, at Barcelona in 1992, is already poised to capitalise on her Atlanta success.

Offered free, full-time training and a car by the Dutch Olympic Council if she became Dutch in 1994, she delined, though she has signed up with agent Frank Quinn, the man who handled Sean Kelly's lucrative professional cycling career.

David Longstreath/AP

Smith raises her arms aloft in elation after powering to Ireland's first Olympic swimming gold medal

New champions overturn old order

FROM CRAIG LORD

MICHELLE SMITH was one of three winners on Saturday to become the first Olympic swimming champions from their respective countries. Danyon Loader's effort swelled the short list of the famous from Timaru, New Zealand, and Frederik Deburghgraeve did the same for Belgium. *Only Le Jingyi, of* China, came good for the established order in the pool.

Le's victory in the 100 metres freestyle was almost a formality, her winning time of 54.50sec was an Olympic record but was 0.49sec shy of her world record. Only two Chinese and two East Germans have swum faster than 55sec for the title.

Deburghgraeve, 23, 34th at the last Olympic Games and European champion last year, set a world record of 1min 00.60sec, 0.35sec inside that of Karoly Guttler's 1993 stan*dard, in the morning heats.*

The final was about the race, not the time, though the Belgian missed his morning record by 0.05sec, to win in 1min 00.65sec. Jeremy Linn, well down with 25 metres to go, had the 15,000-strong crowd on its feet as he closed on the world record holder but his challenge was too late, though the American's time of 1min 00.77sec was the second fastest ever.

Loader, 21, trains in Dunedin with Duncan Lange, a man with a wisdom of coaching that took root in rugby *more than four decades ago.* After winning the 200 metres freestyle in 1min 47.63sec, Loader said of Lange: "His simple strategy is 'swim fast', and that's just what I do."

Paul Palmer, of Britain, finished last in his first Olympic final after having to swim-off for a place in the best eight. He had finished in a dead heat at 1:49.05sec with Jani Sievinen, of Finland, the European champion. The swim-off produced a 1:48.89sec from both men and deadlock remained. Sievinen, a medal hope in the 400 metres individual medley last night, withdrew, unwilling to risk losing his better chance. Yesterday, however, he failed to make the final of his preferred event, finishing ninth.

Heyns's world record cuts short American joy

FROM CRAIG LORD

PENNY HEYNS made her intention to become South Africa's first Olympic champion across all sports since 1952 as crystal clear as the water at the Georgia Tech pool yesterday morning, with a world *record of 1min 07.02sec in the* heats of the 100 metres breaststroke.

The capacity crowd of 15,000 had barely had time to catch its breath after cheering home Amanda Beard, the 14-year-old baby of the US team, ahead of world champion Samantha Riley in the heat before Heyns's. Beard led Riley, of Australia, 1:09.04 to 1:09.37sec and things were flowing the American way.

Heyns, 21, had other ideas, turning 0.54sec inside her own world record pace at 50 metres and three metres clear of the field. The crowd rose like a Mexican wave in disbelief as the South African, who trains part of the year at the University of Nebraska, emerged from her turn. Her stroke appeared not to falter down the last length, and the world record put her two seconds ahead of the pack for the final.

The psychological blow dealt, Heyns, who had asked not to be considered for the role of flag-bearer for South Africa at the opening ceremony so that her form would not suffer, felt there was more to come. "It's great to get the record and I had intended to break it this morning but I *can't say that's a perfect swim.* There are things I can improve on."

South African sportswoman of the year in 1995, Heyns set her previous world record of 1min 07.46sec at the Olympic *trials at Durban in March.* That was all the more surprising because she had been training in a 25-yard pool and had had little practice in an Olympic (50m) pool. "I've had three months of really hard training, with more long-course work, and it seems to be working," she said.

Heyns's was the second *world record in two days at the* pool, the first also at 100m breaststroke and set in the heats, by Frederik Deburghgraeve, the shaven-headed Belgian, on Saturday.

The Chinese had yet another poor day, failing to make a final, but there was no mistaking that Franziska van Almsick, *the 18-year-old star of* the German team, had learned well the lessons of the past two years. At the world championships in 1994, the schoolgirl with DM5m in sponsorship had failed to *make the final of the 200m* freestyle. A team-mate dropped out and Van Almsick went on to win her first and only world title in a world record of 1min 56.78sec. A year later in Vienna, she missed the final of the 200m at the European Championship and swam a *faster time in the B* final than it took to win the title.

There were no tactical ploys yesterday morning, just a fast swim of 1min 59.40sec, during which she displayed her awesome talent and a technical proficiency that translates into a swan-like progress across the surface of the water. No one else in the final has *mastered the element quite so* beautifully as the Berliner, whose every move is followed incessantly by a crew of 40 and more German media, many employed as "Franzi" correspondents.

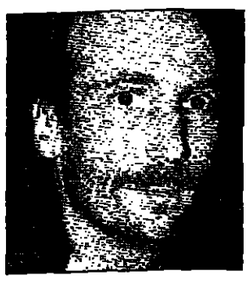
*Claudia Poll, the Costa Ri*can who was the only other swimmer to swim faster than two minutes, lived up to the expectation that she will be the biggest danger to the German. But Karen Pickering, who holds the third fastest time in the world behind Poll and Van Almsick in a short-course pool, failed to make the final, *swimming little faster than* she had four years ago. "I've felt heavy and a little tired," was her only real explanation. Beyond that? "I really don't know," she shrugged in resignation and frustration.

Better news for the British camp came from the men's 4 x 200m freestyle team of James Salter, Andrew Clayton, Mark Stevens and Paul Palmer. The quartet set themselves up as third fastest for the final with a British record of 7mins 21.92sec, 0.65sec inside the team that finished sixth in *Barcelona in 1992,* and included Palmer.

Van Almsick: took no chances in heat swim

China watcher confused by plot subtleties

SIMON BARNES



Atlanta sketch

A riddle inside a mystery inside an enigma. That was Churchill on Russia. He never came up with a snappy epigram about *the Chinese,* and with good reason. To do justice to the endless strata of incomprehension that lie between the Chinese and the rest of us, you would need a sentence as long as the Molly Bloom soliloquy.

I should know. I lived in a Chinese village for four years and every layer of complexity I passed through showed me how many more there still were.

Pity the poor old Chinese swimmers. Talk about a hiding to nothing. Le Jingyi took part in the 100 metres freestyle, *and what a style, too,* hands hacking the water like a couple of axes. Grace is for those who aren't fast enough.

Le won the gold, but then she would do, wouldn't she? Naturally, the rest of the world assumes she is on steroids, human growth hormone, rocket fuel, the lot. But *then we lost the plot.* Three of her colleagues, women who were expected to carry all before them in a Chinese human wave of swimming excellence, blew out.

They did so comprehensively: Shan Ying swam 1.5sec outside her best time, a very long way in the 100 metres free, and went out in the heats. Chan Yen and Wu Yanyan did even worse in the 400 metres individual medley, swimming 13 and 14 seconds slower than their best.

And so the rumour mills ground smaller and smaller; the *conspiracy theo*rists probed deeper and deeper. It is all about drugs, yes: but drugs as a symbol of a deeper and more profound incomprehension.

> 'Conspiracy theorists probed deeper and deeper'

The idea is that what the *women of East Germany* were to Cold War sport, the Chinese are to the present day: state-regulated druggers. The Chinese have countered strongly. Wei Jizhong, of their delegation, called the talk of drugs "ideological discrimination". Chinese swimmers, he said, were tested "1,000 per cent or more" often than the rest of the world. The secret is better selection, harder work, *and a diet of turtle soup and* fungus.

Meanwhile, swimming's governing body, Fina, has announced that if four or more swimmers test positive within 12 months, the entire nation is suspended for two years. No one is in any doubt whatsoever that this is aimed *at the Chinese.*

So why did the Chinese women do so badly? Ha. They came off the drugs, to avoid being caught by the tightest testing system ever, and are no good without. No, they deliberately threw the races, to draw suspicion away from China. Well, why did Le win? *Because only the certain* gold medals have been given the go-ahead to win.

No, no, no, it's nothing to do with that. It's to do with sex. Or at any rate gender. It is always the Chinese women who have excelled as athletes; China wants male athletes to do as well as the women, either to show the world how clean they are, or to re-establish the superiority of the male sex. And Zeng Qiliang *finished seventh in the 100* metres final, which either *proves it, or it doesn't.*

We'd better have some figures in all this mess. Chinese women won four gold and five silvers in Barcelona and 12 out of 16 possible golds at the world championships two years ago. The men won nothing. China has also had 19 positive drugs tests since *1991; the rest of the world has* had 15 since testing began.

It is an odd fact of the tonal languages that to Western ears their speakers sound angry alll the time. Zhou Ming, the China coach, certainly sounded pretty cross. "They lost because they were inexperienced," he said. "They were very nervous. They have not adapted well to these surroundings."

And there was the problem of the fire alarm. The night before the 100 metres, the alarm went off in the Chinese camp for the third *time since they had been* there, and at 2am. "We are very angry about this," their interpreter, Yu Wenting, said. "They swam badly, but it is understandable."

Yes, conspiracy theories work both ways. The following day, the incomprehensibly woeful Chinese performances continued. *In the 200* metres freestyle, Shan Ying and Chen Yen were each three seconds outside personal bests, and missed the final. The pattern was set: Han Xue and Yuan Yuan both missed the final of the 100 metres breaststroke. It looks like disastrous failure. The villains of the Games have simply failed to show up. Who will wear the black hat now?

Meanwhile, back to Le. In victory she seemed reduced to half her size: a chit of a girl filled with perfectly scrutable delight. "This is the most important day of my life," she said. "My wish is granted." In victory, the purest innocent.

Meanwhile, taking bronze, behind Le, was a lil' ol' Georgia gal *named* Angel Martino. It was a triumph for clean-cut American people everywhere. Only smudge on the story is that a few years back, Angel was caught doing some lil' ol' steroids herself.

Oh yes, but that's completely different, isn't it . . .

Judo fighter given all-clear after fears over neck injury

ERIC KRIEGER, the Austrian heavyweight judo fighter, was released from hospital in Atlanta yesterday after undergoing treatment for a spinal contusion.

Krieger was taken to hospital on Saturday with a suspected neck fracture suffered in his defeat in a preliminary-round match of the over-95kg class after being crushed after a leg-throw by the Frenchman David Douillet, the eventual gold medal-winner.

Dr James Dougal of the Games medical staff in Atlanta said Krieger was kept overnight at Crawford Long Hospital and underwent imaging studies yesterday to confirm that his injury was less serious than originally feared.

Late rescue

Water polo: Viktor Jelenic salvaged a 9-9 draw for Yugoslavia, one of the favourites for the gold medal, with a late goal against Russia yesterday after his team squandered a three-goal lead on the second day of the preliminary round. *Yugoslavia had to battle hard* after trailing 9-8 to clinch the draw.

ATLANTA BRIEFS

Rubin ruled out

Tennis: Chanda Rubin has pulled out of the United States womens' team, giving Mary Joe Fernandez a chance to make Olympic history. X-rays on a fractured right wrist showed Rubin was not fit so Fernandez, who is already in the doubles, will take her place. Fernandez, who won bronze in Barcelona, could become the first player to win four tennis medals.

Rubin: wrist injury

Bad dream

Basketball: The United States "Dream Team III" emerged from a sluggish first half to clinch a 96-68 victory over Argentina on the opening day at the Georgia Dome. Shaquille O'Neal, the Los Angeles Lakers' new £80 million man, ended the game with a breakaway jam that brought supporters to their feet, but the match paled in comparison to Lithuania's tense double-overtime win, 83-81, over Croatia and Oscar Schmidt's heroics for Brazil.

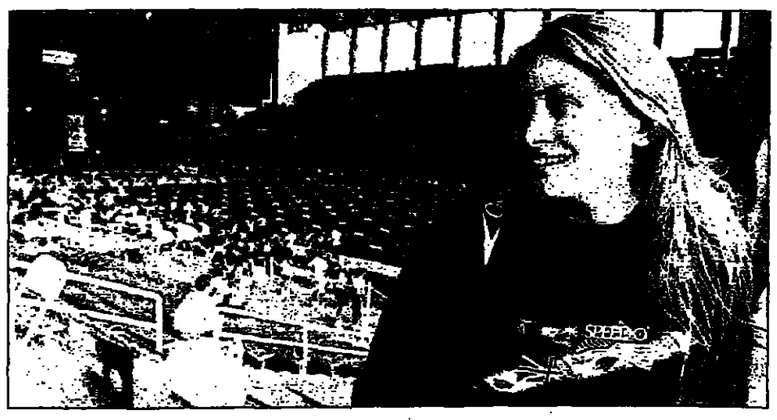
Schmidt, appearing in a record-equalling fifth Olympics, scored 45 points including *the last five in Brazil's 101-*98 win over Puerto Rico.

Golden shot

Shooting: The first gold medal of the Olympics was won in dramatic style by Renata Mauer, of Poland, who snatched the women's 10 metre air rifle title with her last shot on Saturday. Mauer, 27, trailed the first-round leader Petra Horneber until the last round but the German cracked under the pressure.

Trapped in the great divide of Atlanta

Alex Bennett, below, one of Britain's best swimming hopes until she was injured in a car crash, feels mixed emotions



THE DRIVE from the airport to the grand Georgian mansion where I am staying was a spectacular one. The sun was setting and the skyscrapers soared into a gorgeous pink sky with the new moon just showing its face. And yet, despite this beauty all around me, I didn't focus on the sky. I *couldn't, because everywhere* I looked I saw a banner, billboard or one of the stadiums. I had thought the world had gone a little crazy for the Olympics, but here the madness is unimaginable.

Everywhere I look it's the Olympics. I don't think there is one advert displayed in the city that fails to relate athletic achievement to the product it is selling. The shops dazzle with souvenirs.

Not that I've been looking for escape. I love it, commercial gimmicks and all. It feels great to be a part of something so big, something engrossing the whole world. To be an Olympic athlete, though, to be *one of the small cogs that* make the wheel spin — that would be really special.

For me, being here has fulfilled a dream — since I was about seven years old I've always wanted to experience an Olympics. Yet today I don't feel euphoric. Excited, happy and a little nervous — yes. But it doesn't feel quite right being here and not swimming. My dream is still incomplete. I'm *on the wrong side of the fence* and the grass is definitely greener on the other side.

Don't get me wrong, I wouldn't have missed this trip to Atlanta for the world. I knew it was going to be tough watching races that I could have been in, but I've accepted that this time I'm here as a spectator. I hope that in the future I can use this experience as an advantage (actually, each day I feel a bit better as the thought creeps further forward). I'm here to take it all in so that in four years, when I might have another opportunity, I'll know what to expect.

What I am actually experiencing here is a far cry from what the athletes are experiencing. Sure, I'm soaking up the razzmatazz, getting used to the patriotism, the hype and all those good things. But I have none of the pressure, none of the stress. I've avoided the three-hour wait for accreditation and I do not even have to queue for my food. You may think this is an advantage, but these things just remind me *that I'm not competing.* It's strange for me. I'm used to having a schedule to keep to at a major competition, but this time I'm not thinking about getting the right food, sleep *and physiotherapy.*

The worst thing, though, is that I have nothing on which to focus. Now I'm looking at everything from a different angle — and what a wide angle that has to be.

I have been to a lot of major meets before, but never an Olympic Games. Even the Commonwealth Games, which were pretty spectacular and special for me, are nothing in comparison to Atlanta.

After watching the opening ceremony I was buzzing. I couldn't sleep. My emotions were mixed. I thought about what could have been and of what to expect in the next seven days.

*The Olympic pool was dis*appointing. It is set in an industrial area of the city and is neither as green nor as clean as I had expected. But inside, with all its stalls and displays, everything felt right.

I climbed up the many steps of the spectators' stand and saw my first view of the pool. My heart was thumping but it wasn't from the exertion — I just got emotional. I felt better when I spotted friends and familiar faces. I was very happy at that moment, but I still had a lump in my throat.

OLYMPIC GAMES: REDGRAVE AND PINSENT MOVE SERENELY INTO THE SEMI-FINALS BUT STILL PINPOINT ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT

Rowing duo find that travelling is easier by boat

FROM DAVID MILLER IN GAINESVILLE

AFTER only two days, the centennial Olympic Games are disintegrating amid rampant transport chaos. All sports, and the media worst of all, are affected. Steve Redgrave and Mathew Pinsent, Britain's foremost contenders for a gold medal, yesterday survived the organisational crisis to dominate their heat of the coxless pairs at Lake Lanier.

After experiencing repeated blunders during the past week in making the 50-mile journey from the Olympic village in Atlanta to this delightful little wooded provincial town, Redgrave and Pinsent yesterday asked the British Olympic Association to bring them by private car.

Only 30 hours after the gruelling heat of the opening ceremony, in which Redgrave was the flagbearer, they proceeded to row the fastest times of the three heats to the 500 and 1,000 metre marks. They were almost paddling at 27 strokes to the minute, coasting carefree, by the time they crossed the line ahead of Croatia.

"It's a right old shambles," Pinsent said, still pouring with perspiration in the 90F-plus temperatures nearly an hour after the race. "We've taken four years preparing for this, and we're not going to let somebody's organisation upset it."

They did not. It was a marvellously assured performance, the water glinting golden beneath the thickly treelined banks, the spectator stand packed at 9am.

Such perfectionists are the British pair, however, that they were afterwards expressing reservations about their rhythm in the early stages, never mind that by halfway they had buried Croatia.

Jürgen Grobler, the British coach, was equally cautious about the performance when looking towards the final on Saturday. "Australia and France today looked very good," Grobler said. "Last year it [the world championships] was very close, and it was a very hard race all the way. It will be the same this Saturday."

With the heat winners going directly to the semi-final on Thursday — the remainder rowing a repechage — the British pair have three days to refine their cohesion. If only ACOG, the organising committee of the Games, could do likewise. Denis Oswald, president of the Rowing Federation, has had a meeting with Juan Antonio Samaranch, the president of the International Olympic Committee, to protest about the transport, but little has improved.

Redgrave and Pinsent have suffered on trips to and from training, getting lost for two hours, being unable to return to the village because another rower had mislaid his accreditation, being taken past the village into central Atlanta on the return journey and then taking a further hour to find the way back. A press bus returned to base yesterday because the woman driver was scared of the freeway.

"There's usually no one you can complain to," Pinsent said. "It's usually the bus driver doing his best who doesn't know the route, or a teenage volunteer with a walkie-talkie trying to find out. One day there was a sit-in by 250 rowers waiting at the village for buses, blocking the road. Extreme and selfish, maybe, but understandable. The police couldn't shift them. We were lucky that day and got here in just over an hour.

"They haven't thought it through well enough. Someone who projected, 'to an [ACOG] official was told: 'This isn't a taxi service!' Yet for two weeks of Atlanta's life it ought to be the best taxi system in the world."

The chaos is widespread. The American baseball team failed to arrive on time for their first match, receiving the same treatment as everyone else. A defending Turkish judo champion found himself disqualified after being taken to the wrong destination.

It was the same at the opening ceremony, Pinsent said. They were well looked after in the waiting area — the adjacent Fulton County baseball stadium, which will be pulled down after the Games and turned into a car park — but then encountered more mismanagement from marshalls organising the march into the stadium. In a state of panic, the marshalls were getting teams to run between the two stadiums, so that Pinsent, having intended to follow closely behind his colleague flagbearer, found the entire British team sprinting past him. "I thought, 'sod this', and just walked, so I came in last," Pinsent said.

Redgrave, conscious that they were being highly self-critical — their usual state — admitted they had made worse starts to a championship.

"If we knew [what was wrong] we wouldn't do it," he said. "It's so hard to get things right and sometimes the harder you try the more difficult it becomes. We know that France and Austria will be alongside us in the final and we need to be right on top of it."

He thought their performance yesterday to be physically at 98 per cent, technically at about 75 per cent. "We'll need 95 to 100 for the final."

MARC ASPLAND

Pinsent, left, and Redgrave take the strain on Lake Lanier, cruising almost effortlessly into the semi-final, which takes place on Thursday

Defending champions rise above chaos

FROM MIKE ROSEWELL, ROWING CORRESPONDENT

STEVE REDGRAVE and Matthew Pinsent rose above their opponents and transport chaos to progress directly to Thursday's semi-final of the coxless pairs with a comfortable first place yesterday, rating 27 at the finish.

Britain's defending Olympic champions were not overpleased with their performance. "We got a good result out of a bad row," said Redgrave. "We have to improve on that to win. The Australians and French are very strong."

Britain's coxless four of the Searle brothers, Greg and Johnny, Rupert Obholzer and Tim Foster looked much more cohesive than they did at the pre-training camp Lucerne Regatta where they were off the pace. They had to finish in the top three to book a semi-final place and won, which is often important in the eventual semi-final placings.

The Australian Olympic champions and Italy, the world champions, won the other heats, noticeably faster in the first quarter of the course. But this did not worry Foster, the Britain stroke. "The wind is doing different things for different races. You can only judge from the people in your heat," he said, obliquely referring to the beaten Croatia and Poland.

Coach Steve Gunn seemed happier than at Lucerne. "It is nice to see a race which reflects what you have been doing in training." The headwind was stronger by the time of the later sculling heats, no advantage to Britain's lightweight rower Peter Haining, who finished fourth.

Haining made an eye-catching spurt to try and overtake Ali Ibrahim, of Egypt, for third place but will face a repechage on Tuesday, as will Guin Batten, who was last at 500 metres but came through to finish fourth.

The saga of problems continued for the British men's double scull of Rob Thatcher and James Cracknell. The double were improving after Cracknell's mid-season illness, followed by injury to Thatcher on training camp, but Cracknell had to be withdrawn yesterday with flu symptoms and a slight temperature.

Guy Pooley replaced him but the untrained combination, with just one outing together on Saturday, finished last in spite of a brave first 500 metres. Cracknell, who has been isolated from his team-mates, will be fit to race the repechage on Tuesday.

Phillipa Cross and Kate Mackenzie found the pace as hot as the weather in the women's coxless pairs and never looked likely to achieve a top three placing in their heat. Four other British crews, the lightweight men's doubles, the lightweight men's four and the men's and women's eights enter the Olympic stage today the two eights have the chance of achieving a final place if they can win their heats. Looking at the opposition, this would be a very tall order.

Korea teach Britain hard lesson

Great Britain 0
South Korea 5

FROM SYDNEY FRISKIN

GREAT Britain's women were given an object lesson in teamwork by South Korea, who romped home with a 5-0 victory on Saturday night in the Olympic hockey tournament here.

The Koreans, who were fast and unrelenting, outclassed Britain in every department of play and could have won by a wider margin. Only a brave effort in goal by Hilary Rose and some reckless shooting by the Koreans prevented a heavier defeat.

The pressure exerted by the Korean forwards enabled them to force 13 short corners, three of which were converted. Britain, despite early enthusiasm of Fraser, Miller and Sixsmith, could not penetrate deep enough to force any of these awards.

However, the British defence, with Karen Brown conspicuous, stubbornly defended for 22 minutes before the Koreans opened the scoring with a goal from a short corner by the deep defender, Eun-Jung Choi.

In other matches of the round-robin series there were victories for Australia and Germany and an exciting 1-1 draw between Holland and the United States.

GREAT BRITAIN (England unless stated): H Rose; K Brown, J Atkins (captain), K Johnson, S Fraser (Scot), P Robertson (Scot), M Dawes, T Miller, J Sixsmith, R Simpson (Scot), M Nicholls. Substitutes used: C Cook, T Cullen, J Mould, A Bennett. SOUTH KOREA: Jai-Sook You, Eun-Kyung Choi, Eun-Jung Choi (captain), Jeung-Sook Lim, Myung-Ok Kim, Eung-Jung Chang, Ji-Young Lee, Eun-Kyung Lee, Soo-Kyun Kowm, Eun-Young Lee, Chang-Sook Kwon. Substitutes used: Young-Sun Jeon, Mi-Soon Choi. Umpires: A Ruiz (Spain), M Lanning (Canada).

☐ There were two surprises in the men's event. Germany, the defending champions, were unimpressive in losing 1-0 to Spain, who held on to the lead obtained by Xavier Arnau ten minutes into the second half from a short corner.

India, one of the fancied teams in Pool A, lost by the same score to Argentina. Pakistan defeated the United States 4-0 on a rain-soaked pitch with Kamran Ashraf, the centre forward, scoring two goals.

Ali's spirit crowns arrival of Deep South on world stage

David Miller sees a ceremony drawing inspiration from two legendary figures

Two men whose careers reached around the globe, whose personalities spoke the same message in different ways, provided the focal moments of Atlanta's moving opening ceremony for the centennial Olympic Games. Martin Luther King and Muhammad Ali, prophet and pugilist, each so articulate and so courageous in their pursuit of the emancipation of the black American, once more touched the spirit of the world during a celebration of the Deep South's arrival on the international stage.

"Atlanta, here we are!" Juan Antonio Samaranch, president of the International Olympic Committee, said at the beginning of his adddress, broadcast by NBC television to an audience estimated to be two-thirds of the world's population.

The most poignant moments were yet to come in a ceremony at one moment all-American, the next a tribute to the 100-year history of the Games, and their founder, Baron Pierre de Coubertin, to their ancient Greek origins and to some of the legendary figures who helped to create the unique sporting event. There was also a sense of satisfaction and fulfillment, after six years of preparation, as President Clinton, returning to his native south, formally declared the Games open.

Now the Olympic flag is brought into the stadium by eight bearers, led by Edwin Moses, hurdler extraordinary, and raised to the strains of the Olympic hymn, sung by a choir whose harmony is symbolically racial more than choral. With the youth of the world once again gathered for friendly physical strife, we hear the voice of Dr King, son of a baptist minister, born in Atlanta in 1929, non-violent human rights leader and Nobel Peace Prize-winner. Coretta, his widow, sits serene in primrose dress. Clinton, and thousands, quietly wipe a tear as the inspiring words of the famous speech from the 1963 March on Washington, "I Have A Dream" fill the stadium.

On to the centre stage next walk the heroes of yesteryear: Dawn Fraser, Bob Beamon, Mark Spitz, Nadia Comaneci, Carl Lewis and others and, at a spry 97, Leon Stukelj, of Yugoslavia, the oldest-living champion, from gymnastics in 1924.

To signify the fires of competition for the next 16 days, the flame must be lit. For three months, it has wound its way across the United States as the last carriers complete the journey to the stadium: Al Oerter, four-times discus champion and never once the favourite; on to Evander Holyfield, son of Atlanta and heavyweight bronze medal-winner in 1984, who is joined by Voula Patoulidou, the Greek hurdles champion in Barcelona; then there is another half-lap by Janet Evans, darling of American swimming, who climbs a ramp to the lip of the stadium.

There, in silhouette against a violet sky, stands Ali, light-heavyweight Olympic champion of 1960, the most known, the most admired figure of a century of sport, for whom the heart aches in his present state of disablement. Still defiant and erect, he lights the priming fuse which flies up a wire to ignite a cauldron atop the stadium. The spirit of human endeavour, Ali's spirit, is alight in this city whose history has been shaped by civil war and civil rights.

Spectators struggle to last the distance in Olympic marathon

Quentin Letts hopes Sydney 2000 makes its curtain-raiser shorter and sweeter

When President Clinton shed tears during the opening ceremony of the Atlanta Olympic Games, it was from emotion, not boredom, but the 4½-hour duration of the flag-waving spectacular was too long for many spectators.

Olympic officials yesterday conceded that there was possible "overkill" and the Sydney Games in 2000 are likely to have a shorter curtain-raiser. "This opening ceremony was far too bloody long," a British official said.

For all the fireworks and wizard choreography, some youngsters fell asleep and other members of the crowd left before the climax, when the secret star guest, Muhammad Ali, lit the Olympic flame. The ceremony ran half an hour over time and did not end until 12.45am — 5.45am for television viewers in Britain.

So extravagant were the opening dance scenes that the ceremony was already a good two hours old before even the start of the traditional parade of national teams. Only three members of the British track and field squad bothered to attend and there were several grumbles among the athletes who did take part and who had to wait in the adjacent Atlanta Braves baseball stadium until they were summoned into the Olympic arena. No athletes taking part in the following morning's scheduled sports took part in the opening. They were back at the Olympic village, getting some sleep.

Olympic host cities always try to outdo the previous Olympiad and Atlanta was undoubtedly determined to rival the opening of the Barcelona Games, when 600 dancers performed a Catalan sardana and a 17,000 square metre carpet represented the Mediterranean. Atlanta's Ali stunt may have been less spectacular than Barcelona's use of a Paralympic archer with a flaming arrow, but it was a schmaltzy triumph nonetheless.

The ceremony was also a success at the box office. An estimated 90 million Americans tuned in to follow NBC's broadcast, although the number of British viewers might have been bigger had the ceremony not dragged on for so long.

The opening ceremony was an easier thing to organise in Athens in 1896, when only 245 athletes took part and the assembled throng gave a muscular rendition of the Olympic hymn before getting on with the sport. The first American Olympics, in St Louis in 1904, opened with a simple walk-about by the athletes, followed by a blast from the band, which was the athletes' signal to start their warm-up exercises. For the Berlin Games in 1936, a creaky-jointed Spiridon Louis, the Greek shepherd who won the marathon in 1896, ran into the stadium to present Hitler with an olive branch (for all the good that did). Someone then rang the Olympic bell and that was it.

These days, however, organising committees spend millions and prepare exhaustibly for the ceremony. In Atlanta, the cast of dancers drank more than one million bottles of water during rehearsals. The International Olympic Committee realises that things have got out of hand and will now consider ways to curtail the madness — without, it hopes, dimming the creditable enthusiasm of the local citizenry.

Longo puts experience to good use

FROM PETER BRYAN

THE women's 104-kilometre cycle road race, held in torrential rain on an eight-kilometre circuit at Buckhead, a fashionable suburb north of Atlanta, was won by Jeannie Longo, of France, a veteran of Olympic and world championships.

Longo, 37, who seemed untroubled by the foul conditions, made her decisive move in the last ten minutes, coming home eight seconds clear of the Italian, Imedla Chiappa. Clara Hughes, of Canada, was third. A peloton reduced in number by a series of crashes on the greasy roads, crossed the line 52 seconds behind Longo.

The British trio, Caroline Alexander, Sarah Phillips and Marie Purvis, were well qualified to compete but Alexander failed to finish and her colleagues, although prominent from time to time, had no happy Olympic memories.

Longo, the world champion, took no part in the early pace-setting and avoided a crash involving six riders which took place before the rain became really heavy. She worked her way towards the front for the slight climb before the end of the second lap, after which she led at an average speed of 40kph.

The next 20 minutes produced a series of attacks, the most threatening being that of the Italian, Alessandra Cappellotto, who quickly established a lead of 12 seconds. The fire appeared to go out of some of her pursuers and she had an advantage of 33 seconds as conditions deteriorated, although Alexander was well placed when she went wide on a left-hand corner and lost control.

Cappellotto's dash for glory ended after 20 minutes of freedom when Longo broke away, with Chiappa and Hughes for company.

In typically attacking style, the Frenchwoman tried a solo dash on a climb, but was quickly hauled back by her two companions.

At the bell, with 30 seconds in hand over the peloton, Longo again escaped but it was her next and final attack which broke her opponents' spirit.

Olympian effort sees off opening night marathon

MATTHEW BOND ON THE TELEVISION MARATHON

ACCORDING to Daley Thompson, real men don't do opening ceremonies. I dare say the same applies to real women ("the ladies", as Andy Jameson, the BBC's swimming summariser, insists on calling them), but by 6am on Saturday I was past caring.

Looking back, the warning signs were there at the beginning. It was a few minutes past 1am and an extraordinary transformation had befallen Des Lynam. The BBC's Mr Cool was red in the face, sweating freely and gibbering like a man possessed. At the time I put it down to the proximity of Sharron Davies, clad as she was in something little bigger than her Gladiator's outfit. But now I know better. Des knew what lay ahead. As the public address system threatened to drown him out, you could see his knuckles whitening round his lollipop mike.

After exchanging pleasantries (if that is what you call stories about white hats and pigeon droppings) Lynam went straight into one of those brilliant musical montages of Olympic memories. For a long time it seemed as if we might be there for the duration. Round and round and — oh why not — round again came the moments of spine-tingling sporting history. By the time it finished I had Steve Redgrave down for 15 gold medals, not three.

But there was worse to come, much worse. At 2.09am, David Coleman uttered the 11 words that would haunt the rest of my waking hours: "The Olympic flame is the best part of two hours away." And do you know what? He was lying. When we next spotted that wretched candle, it wasn't just light outside — there were people on their way to work.

Really, I should have followed my instincts (the go-to-bed-you-fool ones) just as I did on Saturday night when, with Michelle Smith safely united with a gold medal and the women's hockey team facing certain defeat against South Korea, I decided that the Dream Team would just have to slam-dunk without me.

But that was night two. Night one of Olympic week zero saw me armed with resolve . . . and caffeine. We were — and indeed are — going to do the Atlanta Games live. Highlights are for wimps. Stay with me and for the next few nights we'll explore the wee small hours (not to mention some wee small sports) together. As the newly air-conditioned and much-happier-looking Lynam put it on Saturday night: "If you've got the stamina, so have we." Tell you what Des, you're on.

Actually, I quite like opening ceremonies — the good ones such as Barcelona are a joy to behold and the bad ones (Albertville 1992 takes a lot of beating) are a hoot. Good or bad, you can depend on Coleman to take it all very seriously. "And the Olympic spirit's call is answered," he announced solemnly during the promising opening hour.

Nothing, however, had prepared me for the purgatory of the athletes' procession. At 2.55am, I scribbled a note: "Afghanistan". It took ten minutes to get to Azerbaijan; by the Cs, Coleman was worried about congestion on the pitch. at 4.38am I carved the word "Zimbabwe" into my forearm with a rusty knife. There was still the home team to come.

But, as well all know by now, worse was on its way. The rights and wrongs of Muhammad Ali's appearance have already taken up acres of newsprint, but to draw your own conclusions you had to be, not there in the stadium, but watching it live on television, before clever editors tidied it up for posterity.

Only television gave you the full fiasco of the flame's arrival (Al Oerter having his moment of glory in an empty goods entrance, Evander Holyfield jogging down a cable-lined service tunnel) and only television gave you the unforgettable, unforgivable close-ups of shaking limbs and glazed eyes. After the longest 30 seconds in sporting history a reluctant bundle of flame eventually set light to something resembling a McDonald's chip carton. It was time to go to bed.

ATLANTA 96: THE COMPLETE GUIDE

Richard Davison, a member of the Great Britain dressage team, is savouring every moment of his first Games. Determined to be close behind the Union Jack during the opening ceremony, he sprinted the quarter of a mile from the holding area to the stadium. Joined by Ginny Elliott, the cross-country team trainer, and fellow dressage rider Joanna Jackson, they arrived behind the flag just as Steve Redgrave descended into the Olympic stadium. Davison makes a habit of entering into the spirit of the occasion. Earlier in the week, attending a charity auction, one of the local worthies expressed a liking for the garish yellow tie he was sporting — one of two ties supplied by the British Olympic Association (BOA). "What will you bid for it?" Davison asked, only half-joking. "Five hundred dollars," came the reply. Moments after Davison had handed over the tie, Simon Clegg of the BOA approached. His reaction? "Make sure the cheque's written out to the BOA." So far no cheque has been forthcoming. JM

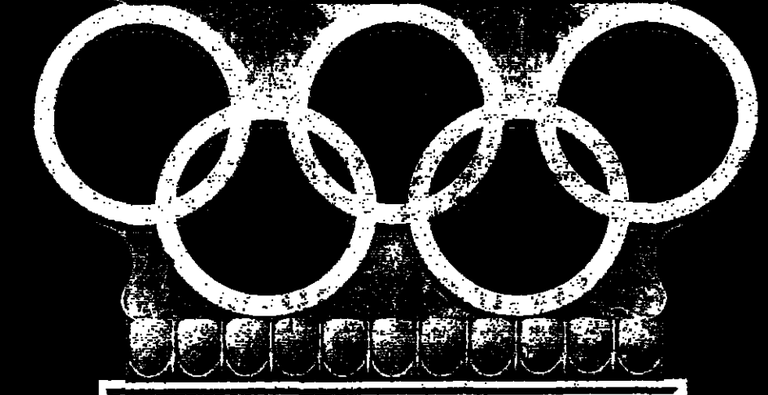
Chris Boardman, home today having finished his first Tour de France in three starts, has indicated to Britain's Olympic officials that he will not be available for the Games Pro-Am road race at Atlanta next week. He will spend three days at his Hoylake home before flying to Tallahassee on Thursday. An opportunity to defend his 4,000 metres Olympic pursuit title this week has already been ruled out because the event comes so close to the end of the Tour. Boardman now plans to concentrate his preparation on the 52-kilometre road time-trial next week in which he expects to meet the world champion, Miguel Indurain, and many other recent Tour rivals. It was Boardman's private warnings to the British Cycling Federation that he was having second thoughts about the Olympic road race that resulted in Chris Newton being named as the reserve. Newton is a member of Boardman's club, the North Wirral Velo, and had already been named for the 4,000 metres track team pursuit. PB

Those members of the Great Britain sailing team who made the effort to go all the way up to Atlanta for the main opening ceremony may have wished they had not bothered. Savannah is a long way from Atlanta and it would be an exhausting return trip in any event. But because of an amazing failure of management, the hapless yachties, on the eve of the most important competition of their lives, found themselves in a bus without air conditioning. The heat index — a combination of humidity and temperature — was reading 105 degrees. Because of security delays, they sat there for an hour and a half before they even set off. Five hours later they found themselves in the marshalling area next to the main Olympic stadium in Atlanta where they waited for four hours, unable to hear anything and watching the action on a big screen. The sailors, who included Great Britain's medal hopes John Merricks and Ian Walker, finally got back to Savannah at 7.00am without any sleep. EG

Words by Jenny MacArthur, Peter Bryan and Edward Gorman

HOT SPOT

All eyes will be on the swimming pool today when Alexander Popov, 24, of Russia, can confirm his reputation as the greatest sprint freestyler the world has seen. He has not been beaten in long-course racing at 50 or 100 metres since 1991, and success in Atlanta would make him the first man since Johnny "Tarzan" Weissmuller in 1924 to retain the 100 metres title. TV: BBC1: from 12.25am



MEDAL TABLES

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
China	2	2	0
Belgium	1	0	1
France	1	0	1
Ireland	1	0	0
Italy	1	0	0
Poland	1	0	0
Russia	1	0	0
Turkey	1	0	0
New Zealand	1	0	0
Germany	0	2	3
United States	0	2	1
Cuba	0	2	0
Brazil	0	1	0
Spain	0	1	0
Bulgaria	0	0	2
Hungary	0	0	2
Australia	0	0	1
Yugoslavia	0	0	1

☐ *At end of Saturday's events*

Leading all time medals table

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
United States	789	603	518
Soviet Union	442	361	333
Germany *	340	358	362
Great Britain	177	224	218
France	161	175	191
Sweden	133	149	171
Italy	153	126	131
Hungary	136	124	144
Finland	98	77	112
Japan	90	83	93
Australia	78	78	98
Romania	59	70	90
Poland	43	63	105
Canada	45	57	80
Holland	45	52	72
Switzerland	42	63	58

** Includes West and East Germany tallies*

☐ *Table does not include medals from 1996 Games*

ATLANTA TODAY

Weather: sunny Humidity: 69% Temperature: 78°F

These Games will be the last leading judo event when fighters will all wear white suits. The Japanese, the inventors of the sport, who wanted to retain the traditional costume, have finally had to submit to pressure from European countries that the sport had to make itself more attractive to television. The Japanese had used their influence to persuade other continents to insist on all-white suits for world championships and other leading tournaments. They have even provided thousands of free white suits for third-world countries. A threat to introduce coloured kits for all leading European competitions from 1997 meant that the Japanese had either to bow to the inevitable or boycott the leading judo events. The final submission occurred when members of the International Judo Federation met Juan Antonio Samaranch, president of the International Olympic Committee. Afterwards, Nobuyuki Sato, the former Japan coach, said: "Although I am a traditionalist, judo must continue to develop." JG

In the 1950s, the United States were the dominating force in weightlifting, led by such men as the 26-stone Paul Anderson, from the state of Georgia, home of these Games. After Anderson's 1956 Olympic victory, he earned a living in a nightclub by hoisting a safe full of gold coins. Anyone who duplicated the feat could keep the money. No-one succeeded. Since his heyday, competitive lifting has slumped in popularity here. To help rekindle enthusiasm for this week's competition, the organisers are playing music between lifts and the announcers are explaining the sport and background of the competitors. Lyn Jones, the assistant event manager, has drawn the line at comparing the weights to objects familiar to spectators, to give them a better idea how much is being raised. Jones says: "When commentating on the long jump, you do not say that the athlete is jumping over three lanes of a motorway." Anderson's feat of actually lifting a safe will remain sacrosanct. JG

As a show of unity, each member of the United States men's team has agreed to sacrifice something he enjoys. Jon Olsen stopped drinking alcohol and Tripp Schwenk gave up his ritual visit to McDonald's. Tame stuff, when you consider Team Canada: each swimmer has signed a contract agreeing to forgo sex. "No joking," Joanne Malar, the medley swimmer, said. "It's part of the code of conduct." The code reads: "Sexual activity is among inappropriate behaviour that could result in disciplinary action." Michelle Smith is happy to be Irish and not Canadian. Told of the code, she glanced sideways at her husband of a month, Erik de Bruin, smiled and said: "Well, we're on our honeymoon, here, and it's all been paid for too ..." Meanwhile, Alexander Popov has not decided whether to race the 100 metres backstroke. Looking at the accreditation pass on this questioner's chest, the Russian smiled and said: "Ah, *The Times* — to swim or not to swim, that is the question." CL

Words by John Goodbody and Craig Lord

TODAY AT THE GAMES

All times BST

BASEBALL: Round-robin: Australia v Holland (15.00); Nicaragua v Italy (20.00); United States v South Korea (01.00).

BASKETBALL: Men's preliminary round: Pool A: Croatia v China (17.00); Argentina v Lithuania (01.00); Angola v United States (03.00). Pool B: Brazil v Greece (15.00); South Korea v Puerto Rico (20.00); Yugoslavia v Australia (00.00).

BOXING: First round (featherweight and middleweight; 18.30 and 01.00).

EQUESTRIANISM: Three-day event, team dressage (second day; 14.00 and 20.00).

FENCING: Men's individual foil, preliminaries (16.00) final stages (22.00); women's individual foil, preliminaries (13.00) final stages (20.00).

FOOTBALL: Men's preliminary round: Pool A: United States v Tunisia, Argentina v Portugal (00.30). Pool B: Spain v France, Saudi Arabia v Australia (00.00).

GYMNASTICS: Men's team optionals (14.15, 17.30 and 21.30 — final session).

HOCKEY: Men's preliminary round: Pool A: Pakistan v Spain (14.00); Germany v India (22.30); United States v Argentina (01.00). Women's round-robin: Australia v Argentina (14.00); United States v South Korea (16.00).

JUDO: Men's under 86kg and women's under 66kg, preliminaries (14.30) and finals (20.00).

ROWING: Men: Heats: Lightweight double sculls (14.00); lightweight coxless fours (15.00); quadruple sculls (15.50); eights (18.40). Women: Heats: Lightweight double sculls (14.30); quadruple sculls (15.30); eights (16.20).

SHOOTING: Men: 10-metre air rifle, preliminaries (15.00) and final (18.00).

SOFTBALL: Round-robin: Australia v Taiwan (14.00); Japan v China (16.30); Puerto Rico v Canada (23.30); United States v Holland (02.00).

SWIMMING: Heats at 15.05 for evening finals. Finals: Men: 100m freestyle (00.59); 200m butterfly (01.39). Women: 400m freestyle (00.33); 100m backstroke (01.19); 4 x 100m freestyle relay (02.01).

VOLLEYBALL: Women's preliminary round: Pool A: China v South Korea (15.00); Ukraine v Japan (17.30); Holland v United States (00.30). Pool B: Russia v Canada (21.00); Germany v Peru (23.30); Cuba v Brazil (00.30).

WATER POLO: Preliminary round: Pool A: Russia v Germany (16.00); Spain v Yugoslavia (17.40); Hungary v Holland (21.40). Pool B: Greece v Romania (20.00); Croatia v Italy (23.20); Ukraine v United States (03.00).

WEIGHTLIFTING: Under 64kg: Group B (17.30) and group A (final; 21.00).

WRESTLING: Greco-Roman: Under 52kg, under 62kg, under 74kg, under 90kg and under 130kg preliminaries (15.00) and classification (20.30).

YACHTING: Two races to be sailed in each class: men's and women's Mistral, men's Finn, women's Europe, Laser, Star, Soling, Tornado (18.00).

WHEN TO WATCH ON TELEVISION

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CRICKET: YORKSHIRE SWEEP BACK TO TOP OF TABLE

Unsung Hartley left among also-rans by unfair benefit scheme

ALAN LEE

Championship Commentary

THOSE who share my way of thinking about the county benefit system — in short, that it is inequitable, invidious, probably immoral and quite possibly illegal — might have raised a wry smile over events at Harrogate on Saturday. In opposition, on this most agreeable of out-grounds, were two players who epitomise the unjust extremes created by this demeaning method of rewarding loyalty; and it was the pauper of the system who beat the prince.

This was an important county championship match and it was the bowling of Peter Hartley that secured the victory which carried Yorkshire to the head of the table. This is Hartley's benefit year, his chance to put something by after a worthy but unglamorous career, yet he can expect to make a comparative pittance, certainly when set against the potential windfall of his counterpart on the losing Hampshire side, Robin Smith.

There is no blame attached to Smith for the hideous imbalance now evident among beneficiaries. It is not his fault, any more than it is the fault of Mike Gatting and Allan Lamb, both wallowing in the over-indulgence of a second benefit, that their profiles attract lavish corporate backing for funds that were never designed to be operated in such a way.

The more the game itself has changed, the more benefits have slipped their anchor, sacrificed their justification. Nowadays, the big money is made by those who already have it aplenty, which was not the point of the exercise nor a healthy situation at a time when the financial divisions between the leading players and the rest are already stark.

Benefits are now big business, their big events given a hard, celebrity-backed sell. The leading players regard £200,000 as a mere starting point and Smith will probably break the record this year. Meanwhile, the honest, reliable county player who has aspired to, but never attained, fame and fortune, loses out.

One might argue there are too many such also-rans clogging up the game, but that is a separate argument. It was this sort for whom the benefit was created and Hartley exemplifies the breed — an unsung cricketer but a good one nonetheless. He is 36, supports his native Keighley rugby league side and remains utterly unrecognised despite, last season, taking more first-class wickets than any Yorkshire player for 19 years.

He required a good deal of perseverance and a stroke of perverse fortune even to get his career properly started, for at the age of 25 he was entitled to think he should settle for employment in the textile industry which provided his off-season earnings. By then, both Yorkshire and Warwickshire had decided his seam bowling was too innocuous for county cricket.

Yorkshire, however, were coming to terms with the fact that whistling down empty mine-shafts was no longer a source of fast bowlers and, more for want of anyone better than with serious belief in his potential, they gave Hartley a second look.

This was in 1985, when Hartley profited greatly from the fact that Yorkshire's senior seam attack of Graham Stevenson, Arnie Sidebottom and Paul Jarvis spent more time on the treatment table than on the field. Hartley, whose virtues include an enviable ability to stay fit, took his chance and was offered a contract for the next summer.

Ten years on, he may appear a misfit in a team of thrusting youngsters, but he is there on merit, the dependable foot soldier who takes up the attack after the commando raids of Darren Gough and Chris Silverwood. Hampshire were threatening to be difficult on Saturday, but Hartley ensured they went quietly, his five for 57 including a spell of three for five.

Victory inside three days swept Yorkshire into a 15-point lead and meant Leicestershire, who won in two days at Cheltenham, had enjoyed ascendancy for all of 24 hours — not nearly enough to satisfy the frustrated ambitions of another Yorkshireman, James Whitaker.

In his first year as the Leicestershire captain, Whitaker is turning plenty of admiring heads with his vital approach. If he was not quite as old as 34 he would be thought an alternative England captain; in truth, Whitaker has doubtless acknowledged such days have passed him by. He played his only Test, in Adelaide, ten years ago.

Surrey, meanwhile, stayed closely in touch in the title race by beating Sussex on Saturday, though only after a sixth-wicket stand of 164 between Bill Athey and Peter Moores. Essex, tenth but not yet without title prospects, need only another 119 to beat Nottinghamshire. They have, however, lost two wickets already in the last innings of an epic four-day game and will be pleased to see Graham Gooch back this morning after his early departure for England selection duties.

Then, of course, there is Warwickshire, not engaged in this round of fixtures but impressively polishing off the Pakistanis by way of warning to all those who believe them a spent force. They have the wherewithal to cope in a title race when others might wilt and their greatest anxiety is the fitness of their fast bowlers. Perhaps they should never have let Hartley leave.

PHOTOGRAPHS: PAUL STURGESS AND GRAHAM MORRIS

Brothers in arms: Mark Butcher, left, is close to Test selection while his brother, Graham, has become a fixture at Glamorgan

Fabulous Butcher boys hit high note

Ivo Tennant on the brothers perpetuating a formidable cricketing family dynasty

Mark Butcher, whose form this season has propelled him to the verge of the England side, was predestined to become a cricketer. So, too, was his younger brother, Gary. Their father was good enough to play Test cricket, albeit in only one match, when he was transfixed by the advice of his opening partner, Geoffrey Boycott. An uncle played for Leicestershire and another for MCC.

Alan Butcher, who raised his sons while playing for Surrey and who now runs the Essex second XI, should have played more Test cricket than he did. He opened with Boycott on his home ground, the Oval, in 1979, but felt imprisoned at the crease after a welter of well-meant but inhibiting advice. His 34 runs in two innings against India were not sufficient to give him a winter tour.

By 1991 he had gone to Glamorgan and had become their captain. That July he returned to the Oval and had the pleasure — and the difficulty — of playing a Sunday league match against his elder son, who was representing Surrey for the first time. "Mark Butcher made a spectacular debut, almost robbing his father's team of victory," *Wisden* recorded. Coming in at No 7, he struck 48 off 36 balls and also opened the Surrey bowling.

He did not play in the county championship that year and although *Wisden* continued to lavish praise on him ("Butcher looked an all-rounder of great promise") he was given only two championship matches in 1992. In the last 3½ years he has had no fewer than three groin operations as well as a pelvic injury this season. It has restricted him to bowling off spin rather than medium pace and has resulted in Surrey resting him on Sundays.

This makes Butcher's consistency this season all the more remarkable. "Mark has improved even more than in the past and is now a top quality opening bat," Alec Stewart, his captain, said. "I would expect him to go on the A tour or possibly the full England trip this winter."

Only Michael Bevan and Graham Thorpe, his Surrey colleague, reached 1,000 runs before Butcher this season. He averages more than 60. Grahame Clinton, who has been taking legal advice after being dismissed as the Surrey coach, is given the credit for his improvement, as is his father. "Dad did not make big technical changes to my game but he told me to lean my head towards the bowler and if I am not playing well, I have to remember where my weight is," Butcher said.

Butcher's brother, Gary, who followed his father to Glamorgan, differs in that he can see an attacking shot in every ball. He bats in the middle order and does not play so straight, but then he is two years younger and also has sufficient ability to improve. He bowls on the quicker side of medium with a low arm action and a fortnight ago gained career-best figures of seven for 77 against Gloucestershire.

The brothers are chums. "It would have been good to have had Gary at Surrey but he has benefited from joining Glamorgan at a younger age than I did with Surrey. He did not play all the youth cricket I did and that has served him well because he was thrown in," Mark Butcher said.

The elder brother is now under scrutiny not only from the selectors but from his future father-in-law — Mickey Stewart. Mark Butcher marries his captain's sister, Judy, in October. She knows the honeymoon could be brief. The likelihood is that her fiancé will be on one or other of the England tours this winter.

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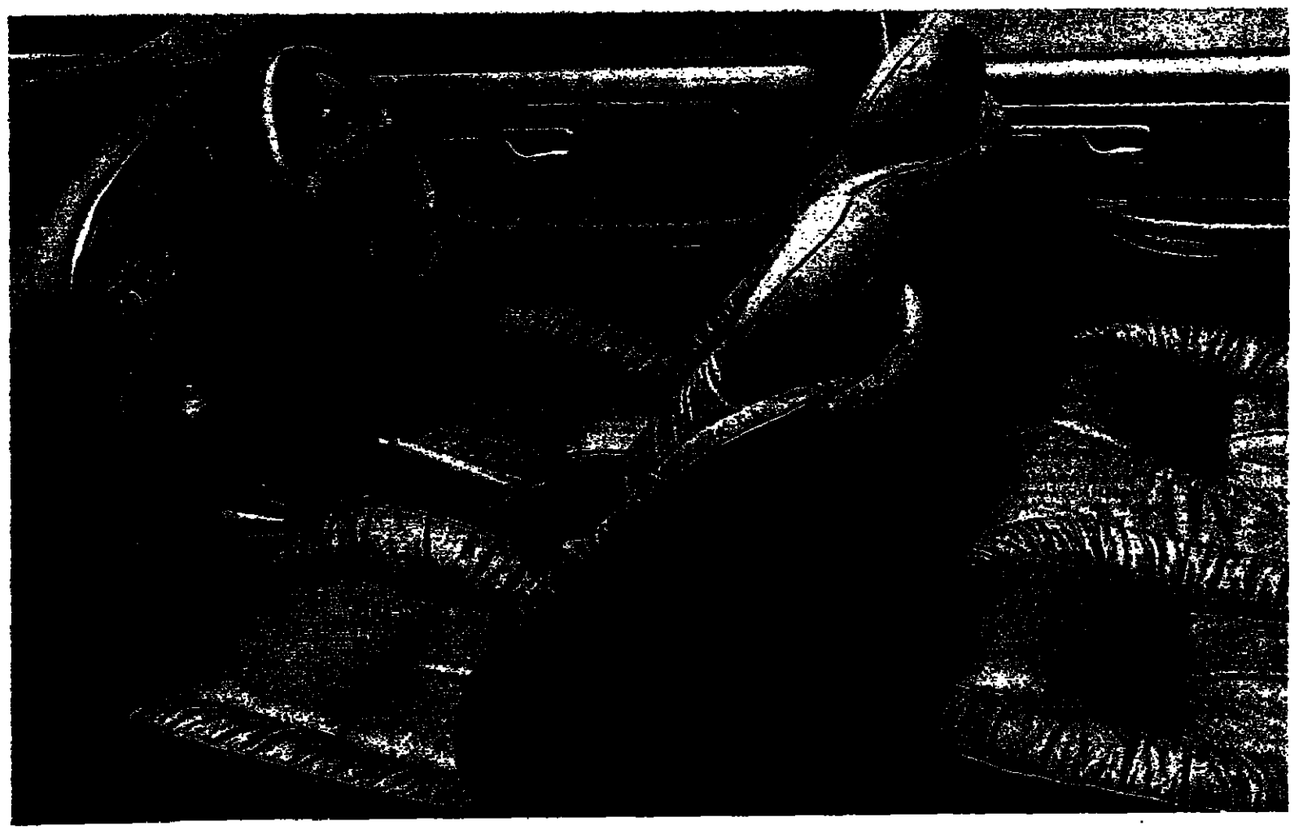

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CRICKET

Pakistanis get a lift on the way to Lord's

By Ivo Tennant

CANTERBURY (second day of three): the Pakistanis need 269 runs to beat Kent

IN THEIR last match before the Test series begins, the Pakistanis will have to bat considerably better than in their first innings if they are to beat Kent today. The pitch is firm, the weather set fair, but it would be a pointless exercise in speculation to predict whether this will come about. Estimating the actions of these most gifted and erratic cricketers is a task that even Sir Garfield Sobers does not attempt. Suffice to say there is no reason why they should not win.

The Pakistanis bowled their opponents out for 200 yesterday, a total in which no batsman reached 30. They caught their catches, retained their poise and looked the part.

Kent, who only left out Hooper, their overseas player, and who, to judge by the championship table, are one of the best sides in the country, never had the measure of a four-man attack.

Wasim Akram bowled quite beautifully before tea, interspersing yorkers with balls that lifted from just short of a length and others that tempted the batsman into driving before swinging away late. Llong, for one, could not detect the length of his bouncers, partly because they were not particularly short and skidded through. Ward did not pick up a ball that swung in late and had him leg-before, hitting him on his left toe.

Fleming made his customary bold start to the innings before he played down the wrong line to Ata-Ur-Rehman. Fulton had his middle stump up-rooted by another yorker from Wasim and, when Shahid Nazir removed Cowdrey straight after tea, Kent were 82 for four. There was no Hooper in the middle order to revive them. Indeed, there was soon no middle order at all.

The Pakistanis were as disciplined as they were eager. The last time they played here, four years ago, there was no scorer, their side was radically altered just before the start with nobody being informed, substitutes came on and off at a bewildering rate and the public address announcer had a dreadful time. Such was the racket their supporters made, their drums were banned from the ground.

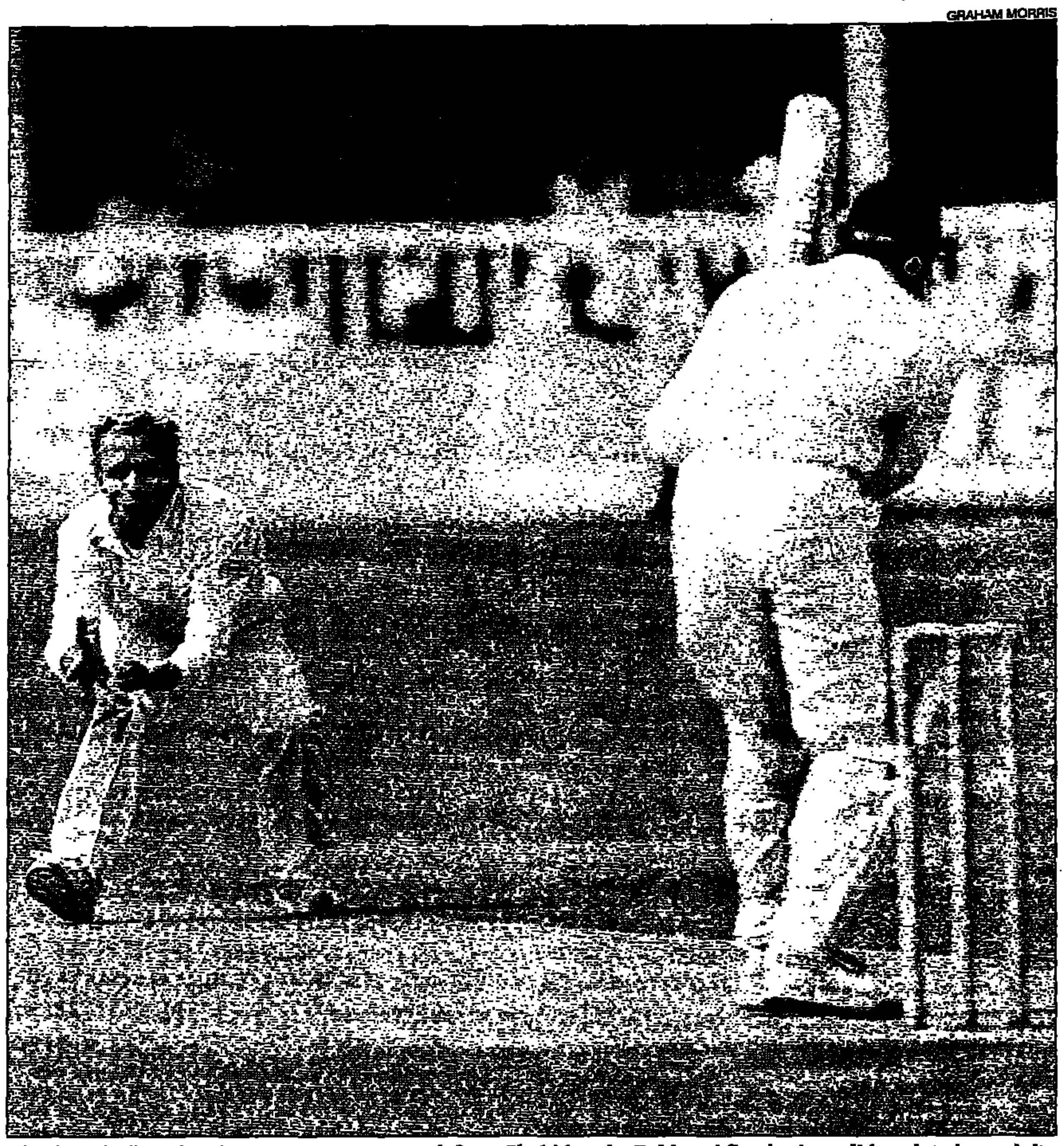
Now, there was not so much as one substitute fielder coming on until the final half-hour of play and no baleful moments at all. Saqlain Mushtaq, the off spinner, had a tidy spell, maintaining a full length after Ealham pulled him for six, eventually having him taken at silly point off a glove. The ball spun, one of the few that did. This pitch is more conducive to batting than these totals would suggest.

Llong managed to make 29, three of his five fours coming off Saqlain, and this proved to be the top score. It was not, though, an innings he will remember fondly. Shahid, who had a telling spell after tea, had him taken at the wicket off an inside edge, driving with an abandon that suggested collecting runs while Wasim was out of the attack was the priority.

Wasim returned and bowled Marsh, who had just pulled him for six, as emphatic a shot as any played all day. McCague, attempting to hit over the top while yards down the pitch, was bowled by Saqlain, who took a third wicket when he had Headley caught at short leg and a fourth when Willis was caught at slip in the last over of the day. He has a good chance of playing at Lord's.

Earlier, the Pakistanis had lost their remaining five first-innings wicket for 120. Ealham took one of them, having Wasim caught at first slip when he went round the wicket and otherwise varying his pace and his length without signalling his intentions. Once Salim Malik was leg-before to Patel, looking to sweep a ball of full length, Rashid Latif was the one batsman to make a score of note. His 61 included eight wristy fours and came off 84 balls.

GRAHAM MORRIS



Fleming, the Kent bowler, accepts a return catch from Shahid as the Pakistani first innings slithers into ignominity

Benjamin forced to run full course

By Jack Bailey

HEADINGLEY (Yorkshire won toss): Yorkshire (4pts) beat Hampshire by seven wickets

WINSTON BENJAMIN is no stranger to controversy. Yesterday, it was not only his fearsome striking of the ball which brought him to the attention of a large crowd at Headingley. In spite of smashing Yorkshire's attack to all parts of the ground in an innings which brought him 62 runs from 57 balls, saw him hit two one-handed sixes and eight assorted fours, he did not apparently consider himself as fit as others, notably the umpires, felt he ought to be.

Having given Hampshire a fighting chance of victory with his whirlwind innings, he made as if to retire from the fray after ten overs of Yorkshire's innings. Paul Terry, one of the best fielders around, made as if to substitute, but the umpires having conferred, Benjamin returned to the field amid some confusion.

A case of no injury sustained in this match or no incapacitating injury at all? Possibly both; but, eventually, the game went on after Hampshire withdrew Terry. So did Benjamin and in the end Yorkshire completed a notable week which saw them rise to share top billing in the AXA Equity & Law League as well as take a clear lead in the championship. Both achievements came at the expense of Hampshire.

Michael Bevan has done Yorkshire proud since arriving last year as their overseas player. Yesterday, he batted with none of the exciting flamboyance of Benjamin, but pushed the score rapidly enough. He shared in a second-wicket partnership of 70 in 13 overs with Moxon, which set out Yorkshire's stall immaculately. He also kept his cool during a sticky period when Hampshire hemmed him in and he finally finished the match with a long straight six and a four to bring Yorkshire home with two overs to spare.

Well led by Stephenson, by example as well as tactically, Hampshire gave little away and Yorkshire were made to work hard for their runs until Bevan finally cut loose. If they could have capitalised better on a useful score during the last four overs of their innings, their score would have been beyond even Bevan.

Their 211 for eight owed much to Benjamin's mercurial innings, but solid contributions by Matthew Keech, Will Kendall, John Stephenson and Jason Laney were vital to their cause. Laney scored 29 of the first 48 runs; Stephenson did his bit by holding things together during the last 12 overs, although where he found the energy to open the bowling after a hectic, scampering partnership of 61 with Kendall is anyone's guess.

Kendall has been with Hampshire for some time and he made a fine century in this year's University match. This was his first appearance for the first team, however. Coming in at 136 for three with only 12 overs left gave him no time to find his bearings, but what he lacked in brute strength he made up for in clever placement, and his running between the wickets was breathtaking in every sense.

Durham's festival triumph proves false dawn

By a Correspondent

WORCESTER (Durham won toss): Worcestershire (4pts) beat Durham by nine wickets

DURHAM'S success in the Costcutter Cup last week proved to be a brief and illusory taste of victory. Winning a four-team festival tournament is one thing, but Durham's form in the competitions that matter has been wretched and yesterday's emphatic defeat at New Road left them without a win in 28 games against first-class opposition this season.

They have now gone 17 matches, stretching back to August 6 last year, since their last AXA Equity & Law League victory and they never threatened to end that dismal record yesterday against a Worcestershire side that is back in the title hunt.

Durham, cheered by the news of Simon Brown's England selection, were given an excellent start by Sherwin Campbell and Stewart Hutton, but when Hutton was run out attempting an unlikely single, Worcestershire applied the brakes on another slow, low pitch.

Durham, despite enterprising innings from Phil Bainbridge and David Ligertwood, were unable to accelerate against Richard Illingworth's nagging left arm spin and Alamgir Sheriyar's improved accuracy and their total of 172 looked inadequate. Sheriyar finished with competition best figures of four for 27.

Durham's attack lacked penetration without Brown, who rested his sore left foot as a precaution before his possible Test debut at Lord's, and they were also handicapped by poor fielding.

Phil Weston gave chances to mid-off and mid-on in the space of three balls from Alan Walker with Bainbridge, the culprit in the second instance, suffering a cut mouth to add pain to his embarrassment.

Tom Moody passed 3,000 runs in this competition for Worcestershire before he lifted James Boiling to long-on and Weston contributed a composed, unbeaten 80.

Graeme Hick took the opportunity for an extended net before the Test on Thursday with a 54-ball half-century in an untroubled second-wicket stand of 110 with Weston as Worcestershire eased home with more than four overs to spare.

Speight's century puts Sussex in the driving seat

By Ivo Tennant

FOR all the compelling abilities of Adam Hollioake, there was no fitting climax to the Guildford festival for Surrey, the AXA Equity & Law League leaders. On the compact ground, they were beaten by 75 runs by Sussex, for whom Martin Speight made a spectacular century.

This was the first century by a Sussex batsman in the Sunday league this season and it was entertaining from the very first over. It came off 84 balls. At one stage his side were 53 for four, collapsing to 71 for five before he resurrected the innings. Salisbury added 42 and there were quick runs from Jarvis.

Hollioake, who took four wickets against Kent in Surrey's second match of the season and then five against Derbyshire in June, had further success yesterday with his medium-pace. Australia-born and English qualified, he is maturing as an all-rounder as quickly as Mark Butcher, with whom he played youth cricket before they became regular members at Surrey.

Middlesex, who were in second place at the start of play, were beaten by Northamptonshire at Northampton by six wickets, despite Bailey, the captain, having to retire when he had made just 15. Yorkshire are now joint leaders of the table, with Surrey.

There were runs, too, for Alleyne, Gloucestershire's middle-order batsman, who just had time to complete his century in his side's imposing total of 284 for four. They were still beaten by six wickets by Leicestershire. Aftab Habib, who have made a considerable impression this season, finishing just a run short of a century. The pitch was worthy of the Cheltenham festival, one rather more suited to batting than that used for the championship match between these two sides.

Elsewhere, Wells took four wickets in Derbyshire's five wicket victory over Lancashire at Old Trafford in what was a relatively low-scoring match. Nottinghamshire beat Essex on account of Cairns making a typically aggressive unbeaten half-century. Although he has not made the same impact as the county's previous overseas players, such as Rice, Hadlee and Stephenson, he is better equipped than anybody on their staff to make something of what has been a disappointing season.

SUNDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Tetley's Challenge Series

Kent v Pakistanis

CANTERBURY (second day of three): Kent are 268 runs ahead of Pakistanis

KENT: First Innings

D P Fulton c Ata b Saqlain 58
M V Fleming lbw b Wasim 26
T R Ward b Saqlain 58
N J Llong b Akram 15
G R Cowdrey c Sohail b Akram 1
M A Ealham c Latif b Nazir 57
*S A Marsh b Wasim 1
M J McCague b Saqlain 1
D W Headley lbw b Shahid 13
†S C Willis b Shahid 0
M M Patel not out 4
Extras (b 8, lb 6, nb 14) 28
Total 262

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-49, 2-116, 3-167, 4-168, 5-183, 6-187, 7-194, 8-257, 9-257

BOWLING: Wasim 23-5-74-4; Ata 13-1-74-0; Shahid 7.1-1-32-3; Saqlain 26-8-59-3; Sohail 2-0-9-0

Second Innings

D P Fulton b Wasim 17
M V Fleming lbw b Ata 15
T R Ward lbw b Wasim 3
N J Llong c Latif b Shahid 29
G R Cowdrey lbw b Shahid 22
M A Ealham c Inzamam b Saqlain 28
*S A Marsh b Wasim 28
M J McCague b Saqlain 9
D W Headley c b Saqlain 14
†S C Willis c Wasim b Saqlain 12
M M Patel not out 5
Extras (b 4, lb 3, w 6, nb 5) 18
Total 200

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-27, 2-34, 3-39, 4-82, 5-109, 6-127, 7-155, 8-179, 9-183

BOWLING: Wasim 17-6-56-3; Ata 7-0-32-1; Shahid 10-0-42-2; Saqlain 17-3-4-63-4.

PAKISTANIS: First Innings

Aamir Sohail lbw b Headley 12
Shadab Kabir c Willis b McCague 3
Ijaz Ahmed c Willis b Ealham 19
Inzamam-ul-Haq c Headley b Ealham 9
Salim Malik lbw b Patel 37
Asif Mujtaba c Fleming b Ealham 6
†Rashid Latif b Patel 61
*Wasim Akram c Ward b Ealham 12
Saqlain Mushtaq not out 14
Ata-ur-Rehman c Ealham b Headley 4
Shahid Nazir c and b Fleming 13
Extras (lb 1, lb 1, nb 2) 4
Total 194

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-29, 3-42, 4-45, 5-59, 6-115, 7-148, 8-162, 9-173

BOWLING: McCague 16-2-42-1; Headley 17-3-43-2; Ealham 16-4-48-4; Patel 26-13-59-2; Fleming 0.2-0-0-1.

Umpires: J C Balderstone and D R Shepherd

Tour match

Somerset v South Africa A

TAUNTON (second day of three): Somerset, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are 166 runs behind South Africa A

SOMERSET: First Innings

M N Lathwell run out 108
*P D Bowler b Telemachus 1
K A Parsons c sub b Boje 62
M E Trescothick st Palframan b Boje 6
S C Ecclestone c Pothas b Boje 7
†P C L Holloway c Boje b Klusener 45
G D Rose c Crookes b Klusener 6
J I D Kerr lbw b Klusener 4
J D Batty b Klusener 18
A R Caddick lbw b Klusener 0
K J Shine not out 5
Extras (b 2, lb 8, w 1, nb 28) 39
Total 301

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-137, 3-159, 4-175, 5-230, 6-236, 7-266, 8-294, 9-294

BOWLING: Smith 20-2-81-0; Telemachus 4-0-22-1; Kallis 7-3-18-0; Klusener 27-4-8-74-5; Boje 29-8-69-3; Crookes 10-2-28-0

Second Innings

M N Lathwell not out 16
M E Trescothick not out 22
Extras (nb 4) 4
Total (no wkt) 42

BOWLING: Smith 3-0-18-0; Klusener 2-0-20-0; Boje 1-0-4-0

SOUTH AFRICA A: First Innings

S G Koenig b Batty 27
H H Gibbs lbw b Caddick 8
N Boje c Lathwell b Caddick 89
*J B Commins c Lathwell b Batty 73
D N Crookes not out 155
N Pothas c Holloway b Kerr 27
J H Kallis lbw b Shine 34
†S J Palframan c Shine b Lathwell 55
Extras (b 5, lb 6, w 4, nb 26) 41
Total (7 wkts dec) 509

L Klusener, R Telemachus and G J Smith did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-29, 2-94, 3-221, 4-235, 5-310, 6-379, 7-509

BOWLING: Caddick 22-1-121-2; Shine 12-1-61-1; Batty 36-3-153-2; Rose 11-2-47-0; Kerr 15-2-74-1; Parsons 4-0-28-0; Lathwell 1-4-0-14-1

Umpires: J W Holder and A G T Whitehead

AXA Equity & Law League

Essex v Nottinghamshire

CHELMSFORD (Nottinghamshire won toss): Nottinghamshire (4pts) beat Essex by five wickets

ESSEX

D D J Robinson c Tolley b Bates 39
S G Law lbw b Bowen 16
*P J Prichard c Noon b Bowen 3
R C Irani c Noon b Bowen 2
†R J Rollins b Pennett 32
J J B Lewis run out 61
A P Grayson c Pollard b Pennett 14
M C Ilott c Noon b Evans 4
A J E Hibbert run out 0
S J W Andrew not out 13
P M Such not out 4
Extras (lb 6, w 17, nb 8) 31
Total (9 wkts, 40 overs) 219

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-38, 2-55, 3-64, 4-94, 5-129, 6-192, 7-195, 8-198, 9-212

BOWLING: Pennett 7-0-48-2; Evans 8-0-39-1; Bowen 8-0-28-3; Tolley 7-0-42-0; Bates 8-0-39-1, Dowman 2-0-17-0.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

R T Robinson c Prichard b Irani 24
M P Dowman c Hibbert b Law 27
*P Johnson b Irani 26
P R Pollard lbw b Such 47
C L Cairns not out 66
R T Bates b Grayson 7
C M Tolley not out 9
Extras (b 4, lb 5, w 7) 16
Total (5 wkts, 39.3 overs) 222

K P Evans, †W M Noon, M N Bowen and D B Pennett did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-47, 2-57, 3-103, 4-140, 5-157

BOWLING: Andrew 6-1-30-0, Ilott 8-0-50-0; Irani 8-0-38-2; Law 5-0-21-1, Such 8-1-38-1; Grayson 4-3-0-36-1

Umpires: D J Constant and G Sharp

Gloucestershire v Leicestershire

CHELTENHAM (Leicestershire won toss). Leicestershire (4pts) beat Gloucestershire by six wickets

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

A J Wright c Nixon b Millns 7
R I Dawson c Nixon b Millns 48
M W Alleyne not out 100
M A Lynch c Smith b Williamson 38
A Symonds c Millns b Simmons 60
†R C Russell not out 8
Extras (lb 4, w 7, nb 12) 23
Total (4 wkts, 40 overs) 284

M G N Windows, M C J Ball, A M Smith, J Lewis and *C A Walsh did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-35, 2-116, 3-178, 4-265

BOWLING: Mullally 8-2-52-0; Millns 8-1-37-2; Williamson 8-0-55-1, Wells 8-0-81-0; Simmons 8-0-55-1

LEICESTERSHIRE

P V Simmons b Ball 51
V J Wells c Wright b Lewis 41
B F Smith run out 1
A Habib not out 99
G I Macmillan run out 58
*J J Whitaker not out 5
Extras (b 4, lb 4, w 9, nb 14) 31
Total (4 wkts, 37.2 overs) 286

D L Maddy, †P A Nixon, D J Millns, D Williamson and A D Mullally did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-90, 2-91, 3-121, 4-264

BOWLING: Walsh 7.2-0-47-0; Smith 7-0-54-0; Lewis 6-0-49-1; Ball 8-0-46-1; Alleyne 7-0-64-0; Symonds 2-0-18-0

Umpires: B Dudleston and N T Plews

Lancashire v Derbyshire

OLD TRAFFORD (Lancashire won toss): Derbyshire (4pts) beat Lancashire by five wickets

LANCASHIRE

*M Watkinson b Harris 28
J E R Gallian c Jones b Harris 1
J P Crawley c Krikken b Harris 14
G D Lloyd c Jones b Vandrau 29
N J Speak run out 36
†W K Hegg c and b Vandrau 42
I D Austin b Wells 12
S Elworthy c Barnett b Wells 1
G Yates c Krikken b Wells 0
G Chapple c Harris b Wells 9
P J Martin not out 3
Extras (lb 1, w 10, nb 2) 13
Total (36.3 overs) 188

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-45, 3-46, 4-92, 5-153, 6-165, 7-169, 8-174, 9-183

BOWLING: Cork 7-0-31-0; Harris 8-0-41-3; DeFreitas 7-0-31-0; Dean 2-0-15-0; Vandrau 7-0-49-2; Wells 5.3-0-20-4

DERBYSHIRE

*D M Jones c Watkinson b Austin 15
K J Barnett c Hegg b Elworthy 42
C J Adams c Hegg b Austin 7
T J G O'Gorman not out 43
†K M Krikken c Elworthy b Yates 10
C M Wells c Chapple b Watkinson 5
P A J DeFreitas not out 50
Extras (lb 9, w 8, nb 2) 19
Total (5 wkts, 35.5 overs) 191

D G Cork, M J Vandrau, A J Harris and K J Dean did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-42, 2-63, 3-84, 4-114, 5-127.

BOWLING: Martin 5-0-22-0; Chapple 4-0-27-0; Austin 7.5-1-44-2, Elworthy 6-1-17-1, Yates 8-0-40-1; Watkinson 5-0-32-1

Umpires: G I Burgess and A Clarkson

Northamptonshire v Middlesex

NORTHAMPTON (Northamptonshire won toss): Northamptonshire (4pts) beat Middlesex by six wickets

MIDDLESEX

P N Weekes b Curran 54
†K R Brown c Capel b Penberthy 15
*M W Gatting c Snape b Emburey 17
J C Pooley c Sales b Emburey 1
J D Carr not out 37
P E Wellings b Curran 4
O A Shah lbw b Capel 12
K P Dutch b Snape 1
J P Hewitt b Taylor 12
A R C Fraser not out 16
Extras (lb 8, w 4) 12
Total (8 wkts, 40 overs) 181

R A Fay did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-45, 2-89, 3-93, 4-101, 5-113, 6-139, 7-140, 8-165.

BOWLING: Taylor 8-0-44-1; Penberthy 6-0-24-1; Capel 7-0-31-1; Curran 8-0-34-2; Emburey 8-0-30-2; Snape 3-1-10-1.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

R R Montgomerie lbw b Fay 69
*R J Bailey retired hurt 15
K M Curran c Brown b Hewitt 36
T C Walton not out 23
D J Capel c Wellings b Shah 17
A L Penberthy c Fraser b Wellings 1
D J Sales not out 0
Extras (lb 8, w 7, nb 6) 21
Total (4 wkts, 36.1 overs) 182

†D Ripley, J E Emburey, J P Taylor and J N Snape did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-133, 2-136, 3-177, 4-181

BOWLING: Fay 8-0-23-1, Fraser 8-1-28-0, Hewitt 8-0-52-1; Weekes 6-0-34-0; Carr 2-0-9-0, Wellings 2-0-24-1, Shah 1.1-0-4-1.

Umpires: M J Kitchen and K J Lyons

Surrey v Sussex

GUILDFORD (Sussex won toss): Sussex (4pts) beat Surrey by 75 runs

SUSSEX

K Newell b Benjamin 6
R K Rao run out 11
M P Speight b Pearson 117
K Greenfield c B C Hollioake b Benjamin 0
*†P Moores c Julian b A J Hollioake 0
D R Law c Thorpe b A J Hollioake 12
I D K Salisbury c Benjamin b M P Bicknell 42
V C Drakes c Thorpe b A J Hollioake 18
P W Jarvis c Pearson b A J Hollioake 43
R S C Martin-Jenkins b A J Hollioake 0
J D Lewry not out 0
Extras (lb 23, w 7, nb 2) 32
Total (40 overs) 281

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-41, 3-47, 4-53, 5-71, 6-208, 7-223, 8-259, 9-260

BOWLING: M P Bicknell 8-0-63-1, Benjamin 7-0-26-2; A J Hollioake 8-0-44-5, Julian 5-0-31-0, B C Hollioake 4-0-34-0; Pearson 8-0-60-1

SURREY

D J Bicknell b Jarvis 36
A D Brown c Salisbury b Law 8
*†A J Stewart c Rao b Lewry 2
G P Thorpe b Drakes 22
A J Hollioake b Drakes 74
D M Ward b Jarvis 5
B P Julian c Moores b Salisbury 21
B C Hollioake c Speight b Salisbury 12
M P Bicknell not out 1
J E Benjamin b Drakes 0
R M Pearson b Drakes 1
Extras (lb 13, w 7, nb 4) 24
Total (32 overs) 206

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-15, 3-59, 4-111, 5-123, 6-160, 7-197, 8-202, 9-204.

BOWLING: Lewry 4-0-19-1; Law 8-1-45-1; Drakes 8-0-50-4; Jarvis 5-0-36-2; Martin-Jenkins 1-0-6-0; Salisbury 6-0-37-2.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and P Willey

Worcestershire v Durham

WORCESTER (Durham won toss): Worcestershire (4pts) beat Durham by nine wickets

DURHAM

S L Campbell b Hick 40
S Hutton run out 38
J E Morris b Lampitt 12
P D Collingwood c Rhodes b Lampitt 2
*M A Roseberry b Sheriyar 19
P Bainbridge c Hick b Sheriyar 21
†D G C Ligertwood lbw b Sheriyar 22
J Boiling not out 7
D M Cox b Sheriyar 0
N Killeen not out 1
Extras (lb 5, w 5) 10
Total (8 wkts, 40 overs) 172

A Walker did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-55, 2-77, 3-83, 4-97, 5-130, 6-150, 7-169, 8-169

BOWLING: Ellis 4-0-22-0; Moody 6-0-35-0; Illingworth 8-0-21-0; Lampitt 6-0-26-2; Hick 8-0-45-1; Sheriyar 8-0-27-4

WORCESTERSHIRE

*T M Moody c Killeen b Boiling 35
W P C Weston not out 80
G A Hick not out 54
Extras (lb 1, w 3, nb 2) 6
Total (1 wkt, 35.3 overs) 175

K R Spiring, D A Leatherdale, V S Solanki, S R Lampitt, †S J Rhodes, R K Illingworth, A Sheriyar and S W K Ellis did not bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-65.

BOWLING: Killeen 6-1-33-0; Walker 2-0-10-0; Cox 8-0-28-0; Boiling 8-0-40-1; Campbell 5.3-0-34-0, Bainbridge 4-0-23-0, Collingwood 2-0-6-0.

Umpires: B J Meyer and R A White

Yorkshire v Hampshire

HEADINGLEY (Yorkshire won toss): Yorkshire (4pts) beat Hampshire by seven wickets

HAMPSHIRE

R A Smith b Gough 10
J S Laney b White 29
M Keech c Blakey b Bevan 37
W K M Benjamin c Stemp b Bevan 62
W S Kendall b Gough 31
*J P Stephenson c Byas b White 28
K D James run out 3
†A N Aymes b White 0
S D Udal not out 0
Extras (b 1, lb 4, w 4, nb 2) 11
Total (8 wkts, 40 overs) 211

S M Milburn and C A Connor did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-27, 2-48, 3-136, 4-143, 5-204, 6-209, 7-210, 8-211.

BOWLING: Gough 8-0-43-2; Silverwood 8-2-26-0; White 8-1-41-3, Hartley 8-0-41-0; Stemp 4-0-27-0; Bevan 4-0-26-2.

YORKSHIRE

M D Moxon c Benjamin b Udal 46
M P Vaughan c Milburn b James 19
M G Bevan not out 98
C White c Kendall b Stephenson 18
A McGrath not out 24
Extras (lb 4, w 2, nb 2) 8
Total (3 wkts, 38 overs) 213

*D Byas, †R J Blakey, D Gough, P J Hartley, C E W Silverwood and R D Stemp did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-41, 2-111, 3-158.

BOWLING: Stephenson 8-0-29-1, Milburn 8-0-49-0; James 7-0-46-1, Connor 7-0-44-0; Udal 8-0-41-1.

Umpires: H D Bird and J H Harris

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SATURDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Essex v Nottinghamshire

CHELMSFORD (third day of four): Essex, with eight second-innings wickets in hand, require 119 runs to beat Nottinghamshire

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings 97 (R C Irani 5 for 27, M C Ilott 4 for 31)

Second Innings

P R Pollard c Grayson b Law 86
R T Robinson c and b Law 51
R T Bates c and b Law 17
A A Metcalfe b Ilott 43
*P Johnson c Rollins b Williams 61
U Afzaal c Rollins b Andrew 5
C L Cairns c Law b Such 51
K P Evans c Rollins b Ilott 56
†W M Noon b Such 2
M N Bowen not out 11
J A Afford c and b Ilott 0
Extras (b 8, lb 9, w 5, nb 10) 32
Total 415

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-133, 2-171, 3-180, 4-281, 5-285, 6-307, 7-373, 8-375, 9-415

BOWLING: Ilott 22.5-2-62-3; Williams 25-9-51-1; Irani 7-2-23-0; Andrew 8-1-27-1; Such 34-12-80-2; Grayson 21-8-55-0; Law 27-8-100-3.

ESSEX: First Innings 368 (G A Gooch 91, P J Prichard 80; M N Bowen 5 for 119)

Second Innings

D D J Robinson b Afford 8
A P Grayson b Bowen 0
†R J Rollins not out 14
P M Such not out 2
Extras (nb 2) 2
Total (2 wkts) 26

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-19

BOWLING: Evans 4-2-3-0; Bowen 4-1-13-1; Bates 3-0-8-0, Afford 2-1-2-1.

Bonus points: Essex 8 Nottinghamshire 4

Umpires: D J Constant and G Sharp.

Lancashire v Derbyshire

OLD TRAFFORD (third day of four): Derbyshire, with two first-innings wickets in hand, are 114 runs behind Lancashire

LANCASHIRE: First Innings 587 for 9 dec (J E R Gallian 312, S P Titchard 96, J P Crawley 54)

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings

K J Barnett lbw b Chapple 12
A S Rollins c Lloyd b Chapple 7
C J Adams c Watkinson b Chapple 119
*D M Jones c Hogg b Watkinson 28
T J G O'Gorman lbw b Elworthy 28
C M Wells c Gallian b Watkinson 35
P A J DeFreitas c Watkinson b Chapple 1
†K M Krikken c Crawley b Martin 104
D G Cork not out 83
M J Vandrau not out 10
Extras (b 20, lb 14, w 2, nb 10) 46
Total (8 wkts) 473

Score at 120 overs: 456-8

A J Harris to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-35, 3-102, 4-162, 5-237, 6-240, 7-253, 8-451

BOWLING: Chapple 23-7-83-4; Elworthy 21-4-92-1, Watkinson 28-1-108-2; Martin 22-3-69-1, Keedy 21-6-67-0; Gallian 5-0-12-0; Titchard 6-2-8-0

Bonus points: Lancashire 7 Derbyshire 5.

Umpires: G I Burgess and A Clarkson

Northamptonshire v Middlesex

NORTHAMPTON (third day of four): Northamptonshire, with six second-innings wickets in hand, require 77 runs to beat Middlesex

MIDDLESEX: First Innings 157 (K R Brown 54; J P Taylor 5 for 36)

Second Innings

P N Weekes c Fordham b Taylor 140
J C Pooley c Fordham b Taylor 3
*M W Gatting c Fordham b Taylor 1
J D Carr c Capel b Emburey 57
P E Wellings lbw b Capel 42
†K R Brown not out 18
J P Hewitt c Montgomerie b Penberthy 11
R L Johnson b Taylor 5
R A Fay c Capel b Taylor 0
A R C Fraser c Fordham b Taylor 0
P C R Tufnell b Boswell 8
Extras (b 5, lb 2, w 1, nb 8) 16
Total 302

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-21, 3-141, 4-251, 5-253, 6-273, 7-291, 8-291, 9-293

BOWLING: Taylor 26-7-68-6; Boswell 9.4-2-23-1; Capel 11-4-34-1; Curran 5-1-18-0; Snape 13-4-37-0; Bailey 8-0-31-0; Penberthy 15-5-27-1; Emburey 20-3-59-1

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings 172 (K M Curran 55 not out; A R C Fraser 4 for 28)

Second Innings

R R Montgomerie c Carr b Hewitt 26
A Fordham b Hewitt 29
*R J Bailey c Brown b Tufnell 9
A L Penberthy lbw b Hewitt 0
D J Capel not out 70
K M Curran not out 62
Extras (b 1, lb 3, w 1, nb 10) 15
Total (4 wkts) 211

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-48, 2-63, 3-63, 4-102.

BOWLING: Fraser 14-1-41-0; Fay 10-1-47-0; Tufnell 28-8-64-1; Hewitt 10-1-27-3. Weekes 11-1-28-0.

Bonus points: Northamptonshire 4 Middlesex 4.

Umpires: M J Kitchen and K J Lyons.

Worcestershire v Durham

WORCESTER (third day of four): Worcestershire (23pts) beat Durham (5) by nine wickets

DURHAM: First Innings 240 (P Bainbridge 67; S R Lampitt 4 for 57)

Second Innings

S L Campbell b Lampitt 32
S Hutton lbw b Ellis 0
J E Morris c Hick b Ellis 0
P D Collingwood b Sheriyar 8
*M A Roseberry lbw b Sheriyar 1
P Bainbridge c Weston b Lampitt 9
†D G C Ligertwood not out 35
M M Betts run out 26
S J E Brown lbw b Sheriyar 1
D M Cox b Ellis 9
J Wood b Sheriyar 9
Extras (lb 3, w 1, nb 18) 22
Total 152

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-10, 3-24, 4-26, 5-38, 6-73, 7-116, 8-132, 9-143

BOWLING: Sheriyar 14-3-4-46-4; Ellis 12-2-29-3; Lampitt 8-0-45-2, Moody 10-4-29-0

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 302 (G A Hick 150; S J E Brown 6 for 77)

Second Innings

W P C Weston not out 40
M J Church b Cox 23
G A Hick not out 25
Extras (lb 1, nb 4) 5
Total (1 wkt) 93

FALL OF WICKET: 1-54

BOWLING: Betts 5-2-16-0; Wood 6-0-43-0, Cox 10-5-17-1; Campbell 6.2-1-16-0

Umpires: B J Meyer and R A White

Yorkshire v Hampshire

HARROGATE (third day of four): Yorkshire (24pts) beat Hampshire (6) by ten wickets

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings 266 (K D James 71, M Keech 63)

Second Innings

*J P Stephenson c Byas b Gough 5
J S Laney b Stemp 37
K D James c Gough b Hartley 6
R A Smith b Gough 44
V P Terry c Blakey b Hartley 26
M Keech run out 87
†A N Aymes c Stemp b Hartley 4
S D Udal b Hartley 0
S M Milburn c Byas b Silverwood 25
C A Connor not out 4
J N B Bovill lbw b Hartley 0
Extras (b 4, lb 2, w 3, nb 2) 11
Total 249

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-29, 2-51, 3-59, 4-102, 5-185, 6-193, 7-195, 8-244, 9-249

BOWLING: Gough 18-5-39-2, Silverwood 11-3-38-1; Hartley 19.5-5-57-5, Stemp 12-5-21-1; White 8-1-41-0; Bevan 4-0-16-0; Vaughan 9-1-33-0

YORKSHIRE: First Innings 427 (D Byas 138, A McGrath 137; J N B Bovill 5 for 58, C A Connor 4 for 97)

Second Innings

M D Moxon not out 26
M P Vaughan not out 61
Extras (lb 2) 2
Total (no wkt) 89

BOWLING: Connor 5-0-33-0, Bovill 8.3-2-27-0; Udal 7-1-27-0

Umpires: H D Bird and J H Harris

Surrey v Sussex

GUILDFORD (final day of four): Surrey (24pts) beat Sussex (6) by 135 runs

SURREY: First Innings 411 (A J Stewart 74, G J Kersey 68 not out, G P Thorpe 66, M A Butcher 57; P W Jarvis 4 for 82)

Second Innings 304 for 6 dec (Thorpe 130, Stewart 80; Jarvis 4 for 60)

SUSSEX: First Innings 265 (A P Wells 81, I D K Salisbury 62, N J Lenham 51; B P Julian 4 for 41)

Second Innings

C W J Athey b D J Bicknell 91
N J Lenham c Thorpe b M P Bicknell 9
*A P Wells b Pearson 27
K Greenfield c Kersey b Julian 5
M P Speight c Thorpe b Hollioake 0
D R Law c D J Bicknell b Pearson 1
†P Moores not out 119
I D K Salisbury run out 12
P W Jarvis run out 1
J D Lewry c Thorpe b D J Bicknell 16
E S H Giddins lbw b D J Bicknell 0
Extras (b 13, lb 3, w 6, nb 12) 34
Total 315

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-38, 2-80, 3-89, 4-94, 5-95, 6-259, 7-289, 8-292, 9-313

BOWLING: M P Bicknell 17-9-22-1, Julian 18-4-81-1; Pearson 31-10-73-2, D J Bicknell 18.5-5-41-3, Hollioake 10-3-30-1, Butcher 5-0-52-0

Umpires: R Palmer and B Leadbeater.

Second under-19 one-day international

England v New Zealand

TRENT BRIDGE (England under-19 won toss): New Zealand beat England by 29 runs

NEW ZEALAND UNDER-19

M Bell b Hollioake 32
M Walker b Hollioake 13
N Parlane c Nash b Batty 44
*C McMillan c Ormond b Batty 26
J Yovich run out 20
J Englefield b Ormond 29
S Cunis not out 27
†G Hopkins run out 12
D Vettori not out 8
Extras (lb 9, w 8) 17
Total (7 wkts, 50 overs) 228

N Morland and R Burson did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-52, 2-71, 3-129, 4-129, 5-177, 6-178, 7-196

BOWLING: Campbell 10-0-55-0; Ormond 6-1-27-1, Hollioake 9-0-41-0; Morris 7-0-30-0; Batty 10-1-41-2; Cosker 8-1-20

ENGLAND UNDER-19

D J Roberts lbw b Burson 19
D J Sales c Hopkins b Yovich 19
O A Shah run out 13
*A C Morris c Bell b Morland 22
A Flintoff b Morland 0
B C Hollioake lbw b Vettori 18
G Batty c Burson b Vettori 27
†D C Nash c sub b Vettori 9
D Cosker not out 16
C L Campbell c Morland b McMillan 6
J Ormond lbw b Burson 25
Extras (b 2, lb 12, w 11) 25
Total (46.1 overs) 199

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-35, 2-54, 3-58, 4-69, 5-87, 6-122, 7-137, 8-149, 9-158

BOWLING: Yovich 4-0-28-1, Morland 10-3-30-2; Burson 8-1-30-2, Walker 7-0-20-0; Cunis 3-0-30-0, Vettori 10-1-40-3; McMillan 4-0-17-1

Umpires: R Julian and V A Holder

CYCLING: DETERMINED DANE CELEBRATES MEMORABLE TRIUMPH IN PARIS TO DENY INDURÁIN SIXTH TITLE

Riis keeps promise to end an era in Tour de France

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

BJARNE RIIS sat down with his new team-mates last November and told them he was going to win the Tour de France. They believed him — which says more for the vision of the riders of Deutsche-Telekom than most of the rest of the cycling world, for few tipped the big Dane as a possible heir to Miguel Induráin, the winner of the last five Tours. Evgeni Berzin, perhaps; Alex Zülle, maybe; Laurent Jalabert, a genuine contender surely. Riis? No, good but not that good.

Well, Riis was right and everybody else was wrong. It was he who carried the yellow jersey up the Champs-Elysees yesterday and it was he who ended the reign of the great Spaniard, who had dominated the race since 1991. Most important of all, he won in style, dominating the race if not from start to finish, then from the moment the going got tough in the Alps until the decisive stages through the Pyrenees were complete.

"Since joining us, he has been telling us that his goal was to win the Tour," the Telekom team director, Walter Godefroot, said yesterday. "He wanted to know if the guys would be strong enough to support him and I told him that if he behaved as a leader, they would do their utmost to help him. That's exactly what happened." Thus, after 11 years in the professional ranks and at the age of 32, Riis became the oldest winner of the race since Joop Zoetemelk, of Holland, who was 33 when he won it in 1980.

He took things easy yesterday, the hard work long since done, including two brilliant stage wins in the mountains, one at Sestriere and the other at Lourdes-Hautecam, and it was the Italian sprinter, Fabio Baldato, who took the line honours in Paris, beating Frederic Moncassin, of France, in a sprint finish. Erik Zabel, of Germany, a team-mate of Riis, already confirmed as the winner of the points classification, was close behind in fifth.

In second place overall was Jan Ullrich, of Germany, yet another Telekom rider, who, at the age of 22, looks a certain overall winner in the future, his potential confirmed win a blistering time-trial win from Bordeaux to Saint-Emilion on Saturday, a performance that overshadowed even Induráin, for years the time-trialler supreme, and for a time threatened Riis's lead. In third place was Richard Virenque, of France, who also claimed the King of the Mountains' title for the third year in a row.

Far behind, in 39th place, was an exhausted Chris Boardman, nearly 1½ hours behind Riis. He had hoped to reach the top 20, but a virus hampered him and, in the end, he was relieved merely to make Paris. Max Sciandri, the other Briton to start the race, failed to do even that.

"I reckon I was only at about 80 per cent fitness on the start line and yet the Tour has not beaten me," Boardman said. For him, as for Riis, Induráin et al, the Olympic Games beckon. "The Olympics is a totally different event, a one-hour time-trial as opposed to a 4,000 kilometre marathon. I would not say I am not looking forward to it, but I must have a good chance."

The last word, however, belonged to Riis. "This is the best day in my career, I'm so happy. There were so many Danes here, it was just unbelievable." For a man of few words such as Riis, that was a yell of exhultation.

TOUR DETAILS

TWENTIETH STAGE (63km time-trial, Bordeaux to Saint-Emilion) 1, J Ullrich (Ger, Deutsche Telekom) 1hr 15min 31sec; 2, M Induráin (Sp, Banesto) at 56sec; 3, A Olano (Sp, Mapei) 2min 6sec; 4, B Riis (Den, Deutsche Telekom) 2:18; 5, L Dufaux (Switz, Festina) 2:19; 6, C Boardman (GB, Gan) 2:29; 7, R Virenque (Fr, Festina) 2:30; 8, T Rominger (Switz, Mapei) 2:47; 9, E Berzin (Russ, Gewiss) 2:56; 10, L Brochard (Fr, Festina) 2:57; 11, P Luttenberger (Austria, Carrera) 3:06; 12, P Jonker (Aus, Once) 3:37; 13, V Ekimov (Russ, Rabobank) 4:06; 14, L Leblanc (Fr, Polti 4:20); 15, M Lelli (It, Saeco) 4:23; 16, P Ugrumov (Lat, Roslotto) 4:34; 17, M Meusi (Sp, Once) 4:35; 18, U Bolts (Ger, Deutsche Telekom) 5:09; 19, B Hamburger (Den, TVM) 5:19; 20, F Escartin (Sp, Kelme 5:21 Final stage (144km, Palaiseau to Champs-Elysées: 1, F Baldato (It, MG Technogym) 3hr 30min 44sec; 2, F Moncassin (Fr, Gan) 3, J Blijlevens (Holl, TVM); 4, D Abdoujaparov (Uzb, Refin); 5, E Zabel (Ger, Deutsche Telekom); 6, R Sorensen (Den, Rabobank); 7, A Tchmil (Ukraine, Lotto); 8, M Piccoli (It, Brescialat); 9, D Nelissen (Holl, Rabobank); 10, F Andreu (US, Motorola); 11, T Gouvenou (Fr, Aubervilliers); 12, M Fondriest (It, Roslotto); 13, S Biasci (It, Saeco); 14, A Ferrigato (It, Roslotto); 15, M Chiesa (It, Carrera); 16, M Sibori (It, Carrera); 17, F Rosciolli (It, Refin); 18, O Rodrigues (Por, Banesto); 19, F Echave (Sp, Mapei); 20, N Mattan (Bel, Lotto) all same time. British: 77, Boardman same time Final overall positions: 1, Riis 95hr 57min 16sec; 2, Ullrich at 1min 41sec; 3, Virenque 4:37; 4, Dufaux 5:53; 5, Luttenberger 7:07; 6, Leblanc 10:03; 7, Ugrumov 10:04; 8, Escartin 10:26; 9, Olano 11:00; 10, Rominger 11:53; 11, Induráin 14:14; 12, Jonker 18:58; 13, Hamburger 22:19; 14, Bolts 25:58; 15, A Elli (It, MG Technogym) 28:18; 16, M F Gines (Sp, Mapei) 28:28; 17, L Piepoli (It, Refin) 27:36; 18, Brochard 32:11; 19, M Bartoli (It, MG Technogym) 37:18; 20, Berzin 38:00. British: 39, Boardman 1hr 27:44. Points classification: 1, Zabel 335pts; 2, Moncassin 284; 3, Baldato 255; 4, Abdoujaparov 204; 5, Blijlevens 158. King of the Mountains: 1, Virenque 383; 2, Riis 274; 3, Dufaux 176; 4, Brochard 168; 5, Leblanc 158. Team: 1, Festina 287hr 46min 20sec; 2, Telekom at 15min 14sec; 3, Mapei 51:36; 4, Roslotto 1hr 22min 29sec; 5, Once 1:37:10; 6, Rabobank 1:53:14; 7, TVM 2:09:21; 8, MG 2:18:11; 9, Polti 2:31:13; 10, Banesto 2:31:20.

ERIC GAILLARD

Riis, resplendent in his yellow jersey, passes the Arc de Triomphe on the approach to the finish yesterday

TENNIS

Kafelnikov fails to pass Muster again

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

THOMAS MUSTER successfully defended his Mercedes Open title in Stuttgart, defeating Yevgeny Kafelnikov, the French Open champion, of Russia, 6-2, 6-2, 6-4 in the final.

The top-seeded Austrian, playing on his favourite clay-court surface, put pressure on Kafelnikov from the start, breaking him in the fifth and seventh games of the first set.

Muster then took the second set with equal comfort and, although Kafelnikov offered more resistance in the final set, he eventually wrapped up the match in one hour 40 minutes for his 41st tournament success.

Muster had beaten Kafelnikov in their two previous encounters and Michael Commandeur, the Russian player's coach, said: "Yevgeny has far too much respect for Muster."

Michael Chang had to do double duty to reach the final of the Legg Mason Classic in Washington. The second seed won a rain-delayed quarter-final match on Saturday, beating seventh-seeded Paul Haarhuis, of Holland, 6-4, 6-3.

The American returned in the evening to beat unseeded Kenneth Carlsen, of Denmark, 6-4, 6-3 and reach his fourth final of the year on the ATP Tour. "I needed this. I haven't had that much match play lately," said Chang.

In the final, Chang will meet Wayne Ferreira, the No 4 seed, of South Africa, who overcame Renzo Furlan, of Italy, 6-3, 6-7, 6-3.

Amy Frazier battled gusting winds and struggled past top-seeded Anke Huber 7-5, 6-7, 6-4 to reach to the final of the A and P Tennis Classic in Mahwah, New Jersey. In the other semi-final Magdelena Maleeva, of Bulgaria, defeated Jane Chi 6-2, 6-2.

Capital view of a riotous roadshow's triumphant finish

Clement Freud samples the mood in Paris as a famous race enters the home straight

THE loudspeaker, above where I sat in seat 496, tribune one on the Champs Elysées, blared out a recording of Johnny Hallyday singing *Don't Forget Me*; a commentator of daunting fluency gave us the names and positions of more than 100 riders. Coca-Cola girls gave away cans of their products and a large television screen, only slightly obscured by a plethora of French flags, depicted the contestants of the Tour de France sitting rigidly on their bikes while the countryside flashed by.

The 21st and final day of the Tour turns the centre of Paris into a festive zone reminiscent of the centre of London at a royal wedding; traffic is stopped, seating for tens of thousands is erected and irrespective of whether cycling holds a large, small, or medium-sized place in the citizens' life, they attend.

Clothes are unimportant, especially with the thermometer showing 30C; denims, loose shirts, sandals and plastic carriers of mineral water and smoked ham baguettes as well yesterday's newspaper showing the route and approximate times of arrival is all that is needed.

Three weeks ago, the world knew that Miguel Induráin, of Pamplona in Spain, winner of the Tour for five successive years, would win again. Induráin has never won a stage but tends to come first in time-trials and hang on. He is a defender rather than an attacker. This year the heavy rains during the first week, the multitudinous accidents and retirements added to the fact that the time-trial was up a mountain, caused the favourite's inability to get himself into the swing of the race. When they reached the Alps, he cracked; rode on as becomes a good professional, but visibly weakened.

By the time the Tour passed Pamplona, the town's flags and banners had become tributes to past glories when they had originally been exhortations to "make it six". Now that he has his weather and a fortnight's rest, he might take the gold in the Atlanta road race.

The Danish rider, Bjarne Riis, had the yellow jersey; his Telekom team-mate, Ullrich, of Russia, was second, 70 seconds adrift. (For the French the Tour is not unlike Wimbledon for us; the home country seldom provides riders to grace the podium).

My ticket, sent by Eurosport, the satellite channel covering this event, suggested arrival by 2.30pm. At that time the cyclists were still 40 kilometres short of Versailles but as they approached and the crowd thickened, the dignitaries — including the renowned French Olympic ski champion, Jean-Claude Killy, and two girls who wore not much more than our streaker at Wimbledon this year, occupied the platform of honour and held our attention.

On the big screen we saw the peloton in the same shot as the Eiffel Tower and then, after half the crowd jumped to their feet as the other half shouted "Sit down", came a pair of motorcyclists dressed in bright yellow and behind them the parade of ambulances, fire trucks, Coca-Cola dispensers followed by sponsors' vans: *Agrigel*, who produce frozen vegetables, then three each of *Clément* glazed chestnuts, *Vélo magazine*, *Maison de Café*, *Vêtements Enfants* and for some reason which escapes many, Police Recruitment.

Five Festina watch vehicles were next, then 25 Tour de France transporters which nightly shift a thousand tons of platforming tribunes and promotional impedimenta from one location to the next, 20 police cars and suddenly, *four cyclists*. We cheered. We could not see who they were, cheered nevertheless. As in life, the Tour provides many riders with a few seconds of glory and we wanted to ensure that they would reap the enjoyment that was warranted by their efforts.

Sixteen cars, 18 television motorcyclists and a dozen police vehicles separated the breakaway group from the peloton. Then 153 cars, 41 motorbikes, support vehicles with spare wheels swaying from their roofracks followed by a Dermaspray van involved in a private race with a Credit Lyonnais station wagon.

Four minutes later the whole shooting match returned; having driven and ridden around the Arc de Triomphe, they flashed past making for the Place de la Concorde on the second of several circuits which enabled cameramen to show stunning pictures of the Bastille, the Rue de Rivoli, Place du Chatelet, the Louvre et al.

Across the road from where I sat a thousand or more recently arrived Danes cheered their yellow-jerseyed man and waved red and white flags. I kept my eye focused upon these good people for in the seats beside me a woman of what Parisians call "a certain age" canoodled with her lover.

I'm not sure whether Johnny Hallyday sang *Paris Tu N'as Pas Changé*... but it has not.

ROWING

Lightweight eights put on the style

BY A CORRESPONDENT

MANY of the British selected crews were competing at the national championships in Nottingham at the weekend as part of their preparation for the world championships in Strathclyde.

The men's lightweight eights won their event in style and then went on to beat the University of London narrowly in the open event. Both the selected women's coxless four and pair won their event with ease, and then competed in the eights, together with the reserve pair for Strathclyde.

They took an early lead, but could not shake off Marlow and Thames until the last 500 metres. The NCRA selected coxed four also won their event in style.

Two of the closest races of the day were in the junior eights event, a photo was required to separate Abingdon School and Bedford School, the latter getting the decision by 0.1 of a second. In the girls' event there was never more than half a length between Haberdashers, Monmouth and the Scottish Composite, who closed the gap to a quarter of a length at the finish, Kingston Grammar School taking the bronze.

Colin Greenaway, of Kingston, was one of the unluckiest rowers. An hour before his final in the single sculls an eight's boat blew off its rack and severely damaged his boat. As he is 6ft 8in it proved impossible to find him a substitute.

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CRICKET: SURREY ALL-ROUNDER ADDS TO GLOWING REPUTATION

Hollioake on fast track to success

BY RUPERT COX

IN FOOTBALL parlance, it is often said that losing a semi-final is harder to come to terms with than falling at the final hurdle. For zealous young cricketers representing their country at under-19 level, the pitfalls can be similarly equated: the appetite and ambition have been whetted for future recognition, but the ultimate objective remains distant. The real test is yet to come, and inevitably some will fall, forgotten, by the wayside.

There is, of course, little doubting that there is a vast gulf between under-19 cricket and the first-class game; but 19 players have graduated from the England under-19 team to secure full international honours — Ronnie Irani, the Essex all-rounder, being the latest — and more will follow.

On Saturday, though, this year's crop of England under-19s, in feckless fashion, crumbled to a 29-run defeat at the hands of their New Zealand counterparts, notwithstanding another blameless Trent Bridge pitch. The NatWest one-day international series, therefore, is shared 1-1 after England's scrambled two-wicket victory, on Thursday, at Chester-le-Street.

Over recent years there has been a dearth of quality all-rounders throughout the English game, as the shadow of Ian Botham still lingers omnipotently. However, the portents for a successor, after the two youth internationals, look favourable.

Andrew Flintoff and Alex Morris, the England Under-19 captain, are combative and talented all-rounders, but it is Ben Hollioake, the precocious 18-year-old, who catches the eye. Brother of the Surrey vice-captain, Adam, Hollioake has already made an propitious impression at the Oval, obtaining four for 74 on his first-class debut at Middlesbrough.

His three for 35 at Chester-le-Street, obtained with a springy action that produces deceptive pace, pegged back the New Zealanders, and, at Nottingham, he added two more top-order batsmen to his bowling credentials. "At this stage Ben is a better bowler than, say, Irani; he's very mature for his age, "Graham Saville, the England Under-19 manager, said.

Hollioake's flamboyant contributions with the bat are equally laudable, clearly illustrated during an inspired partnership of 77 in just eight overs with Morris in the first international.

However, with the first of three youth Tests starting at Old Trafford on August 1, England, lacking the injured pace duo of Alex Tudor and Paul Hutchinson, will have to be at their best to overcome a New Zealand team that prevailed in Australia last winter.

SQUASH

England cut victory dash

FROM COLIN MCQUILLAN IN CAIRO

ENGLAND yesterday began their campaign for the world junior men's team championship with a 3-0 win over Canada, in qualifying Pool B, that provided them with just the sort of work-out they need if they are to succeed in a field of 29 nations, boasting wider talent than the event has ever seen.

The England victory hinged on a sharp, third-string performance from Adrian Grant, who defeated Peter Yik, 10-9, 9-2, 9-3, in just 59 minutes; and an iron-nerved return from Lee Beachill, who defeated Shahier Razik, 9-4, 9-6, 9-1.

Beachill spent the first week of these championships in seperate accommodation from the England squad, so he could concentrate exclusively on the individual title, for which he was second seed, but from which he was ejected by the rumbustious Egyptian No 2, Karim El Mistikawi, in the quarter-final.

"Lee had a couple of bad days on his own after that," David Pearson, the England team manager, said. "But he has rejoined us and did the job against Canada well enough to suggest he is ready to approach an increasingly difficult first-string role."

However, the 16-year-old John Russell struggled against Doug Parent and was lucky to escape 9-7, 10-9, 3-9, 6-9, 9-7 in the 68-minute second-string rubber "We have Malaysia and Australia still to come in this qualifying pool and then Egypt or Pakistan in the quarter-finals," Pearson added.

Wales, coached by Australia's former world No 2, Chris Robertson, are looking for the single quarter-final place available from Pool D, which includes Finland, South Africa and New Zealand. Scotland, meanwhile, are in the lower half of the field in qualifying Pool F, along with the USA, Brazil and Singapore.

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Lancing look to Vail for inspiration

By John Cassy

SELECTION to represent England at the world junior squash championships in Cairo last week represented more than just a personal triumph for Lancing College's Tim Vail. While staff at the West Sussex college were delighted at the 18-year-old's call-up, they are hopeful that his achievement will inspire the next generation of Lancing pupils to a return to the dominance the college held over schools' squash in the 1950s and 1960s.

During that time, visiting players knew they were in for an uphill battle, even before they began the steep ascent of the college's drive to the spectacular position it commands on the South Downs overlooking the sea. A succession of powerful teams and junior internationals, most notably Roy Wilson, who went on to win the world amateur championship in 1954 and 1956, made squash on Lancing's stone-floored courts an away fixture to be feared.

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The college has dominated on a regional level since then, but Graham Stevenson, the present coach, believes it has been Vail's enthusiasm and dedication towards Lancing squash that has put the college on the verge of a return to national success.

"Tim has begun a renaissance of squash at Lancing," Stevenson said. "The younger players all look up to him and queue up to go on court to be "marmalised" by him. Other players in Tim's position might not bother to do that, but he loves to play the game, and to get the youngsters running all over the court. He's a wonderful motivator, with a great sense of humour, and as a coach it will be invaluable to me to feed Tim's example to future Lancing players."

Vail arrived from Hastings on a sports scholarship in 1991, and seldom can a bursary have been better spent. The individual pedigree of the one-time Under-10 England No 1 was never in doubt, but his overall contribution has exceeded all expectations. Five years on, Vail is now a qualified coach who will provide vital assistance to Stevenson in the running of the residential squash courses the college hosts in the summer holidays.

In October, he will take up a place at Birmingham University to read commerce and Spanish. Yet Vail's path to international competition has not been an entirely smooth one. Just two years ago, he was on the verge of packing up the game he has played since he was five after first picking up a racket while watching one of his father's regular Saturday morning games. A failure to grow apace physically with his peers had brought some depressing defeats against bigger, but usually less skilful, players.

"Until I was about 16 or 17, I wasn't very big," Vail said. "I'd just get hacked off court. It was depressing and I seriously thought about giving up, but my county coach pleaded with me. I persevered and it has paid off." His physical growth over the last 18 months, improved fitness and an impressive performance in the British Under-19 championship in April have renewed his confidence, and there was no disgrace in losing to Ahmed Faizy, of Egypt, the top seed, in the third round in Cairo.

Mark Palmer, the head of squash at Lancing, said: "We have already attracted some talented youngsters because of Tim's success, including George Webster, England's top rated player at under-14 level. In fact, our under-14 squad must be one of the most powerful in the country."

Vail works on his forehand before his appearance in the world junior championships in Cairo. Photograph: Michael Scates

Celebrated name living up to expectations

By Ivo Tennant

TO BE christened Robert Moore is akin to being bestowed the initials of MCC or to be named Neil Harvey Fairbrother. Expectations are aroused if the boy takes up sport. Such expectations abound when, at the age of 15, he scores 183 runs from 23 overs for his school, plays golf off a handicap of nine and captains the South of England hockey team in his representative group.

Moore attends King Edward VI, an independent day school in Southampton founded in the 16th century. Last week, when their under-15 XI played Henry Beaufort in the Gawthorn Cup, he struck 15 sixes and 14 fours in his innings of 183, which took his tally for the term to 877. His team won this 25-over match by 148 runs.

"I would imagine Hampshire have their eye on Robert," Roger Sampson, his cricket master, said. Moore, a right-handed batsman who opens or goes in at No 3, played two matches for the school's first XI during the term, scoring 97 against a South Africa under-17 touring side, and then 12. "I would like to become a professional sportsman," he said. "David Gower is the cricketer I most admire but what I would really like to be is a golfer."

Sampson stresses that Henry Beaufort, a state school in Winchester, fielded a weakened XI due to end-of-term activities, yet he regards Moore, the son of a former Hampshire squash captain, as "the best technical schoolboy batsman I have seen in my career as a teacher". On Saturday, Moore made 104 for Hampshire under-15s against Wiltshire under-15s. He will not be moving far from the cricket grounds of southern England these holidays.

"Robert plays very straight and with time to spare," Sampson said. "He is a very tall, athletic lad — I call him Errol Flynn. He can also bowl medium pace and, as well as excelling at sport, is university material." Other than in the Lord's Taverners competition, King Edward VI under-15s have been defeated only twice in schools matches this season, by Canford and Winchester. Moore would have played more often for the first XI had his teachers not thought it best that he remain with his peers.

The first XI of King Edward VI also had a successful season. John Claughton, the captain, batted well, and Luke Andrews, an opening bowler, took wickets regularly, for both the first XI and the under-15s, including six for nine against St George's, Weybridge. And there is another Moore showing promise. Thomas, Robert's brother, who is a spin bowler, plays for Hampshire under-13s. This is a family to watch.

FOOTBALL

Poborsky to complete move at last

MANCHESTER United have have won the race to sign Karel Poborsky, of the Czech Republic. Agreement was reached with Slavia Prague after United had refused to increase a £3.5 million offer for the 24-year-old midfield player.

Poborsky will have a medical this week and, if he passes, will then sign a four-year deal thought to be worth £2 million. United will now try to get his work permit through before the season starts.

The Czech player has been the subject of a tug-of-war between the FA Carling Premiership champions and Liverpool, but Poborsky had said that Old Trafford was the only place he wanted to move to.

Poborsky won acclaim after scoring a spectacular winning goal against Portugal in the quarter-finals of the European championship, helping his country progress to the final against Germany which they lost in extra time.

That achievement crowned a splendid season, with Slavia winning the Czech championship and reaching the semi-finals of the Uefa Cup.

Slavia had wanted to hold onto their leading player, who still had two years of his contract to run, and the club saw him as being vital to their European Cup Champions' League campaign.

Brian Laws, the Grimsby Town manager, Kenny Swain, the assistant manager, and John Cockerill, the youth coach, have been given three-year contracts by the Nationwide League first division club.

Gabriel Batistuta, the Fiorentina striker, plans to retire from football when he passes 30 and return home to Argentina. The 27-year-old, who in May helped his club to the Italian Cup — their first trophy in 21 years — told the *Corriere dello Sport* newspaper he had no plans to become a coach and would prefer to return to rural Argentina.

"At 30 or 31, I'll call it quits," he said, dismissing the football world as 'a jungle'. "I could only go on if I thought I was still on top form physically ... I'll go back to Argentina when I can't take any more."

Batistuta this year equalled Diego Maradona's record of 34 goals for his country.

Symbolic gestures that enable the IOC to mine a golden seam

If you are a competitor, the Olympics is the pinnacle of competition, the acid test of whether you are as good as you really think you are. If you are anything to do with sports sponsorship, the marketing of television rights or the organisation of the commercial side of human endeavour, the same is true.

As the Games celebrate their hundredth birthday in Atlanta, one cannot help but applaud the brilliance of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in squeezing every last drop of money out of the event. Some may decry the loss of the amateur ethos, but others realise that it had hardly existed since the Second World War, and, if you are going to embrace commercialism, you might as well be good at it.

The transformation of the Olympics from a liability, which cities took on as a loss leader in order to promote themselves, to a profitable, commercial, exercise, was brought about by a brilliant change of strategy, thought up after the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles. Essentially, the IOC realised that cutting down the number of sponsors for the Games actually improved the revenues. At Monteal, in 1976, there were 626 sponsors and the revenue was a paltry £4.6 million. Moscow, in 1980, was not really a commerical exercise but the IOC hoped that having the Games in the United States four years later would boost revenue. It did. With only 34 sponsors, the IOC made £145 million.

The IOC then devised what it calls The Olympic Programme (TOP), which was the brainchild of a Briton, Terry Payne. A handful of sponsors are given TOP status, which means they can use the famous five rings in their marketing for four years up to the next Games. The IOC polices the use of the rings aggressively — punk rockers with too many earrings should not visit Atlanta for fear of being pounced upon by the IOC.

THE BUSINESS OF SPORT

The entry price is high. The ten sponsors for Atlanta — Coca-Cola, Bausch & Lomb, Kodak, IBM, Panasonic, Time, Visa, Xerox, UPS and John Hancock — have paid a minimum of £26 million and the total take by the IOC is expected to exceed £350 million. Reports are that the total Olympics-related marketing expenditure of Coca-Cola, which has its headquarters in Atlanta, will be £650 million this summer.

Then there are television rights. Uefa, the governing body of European football, might cast a look over to the IOC when it is considering the pathetic £50 million received for the rights to the European football championship. The IOC is receiving more than £450 million from the American and European television rights to the Games, yet the sale of the rights to the World Cup in France in 1998 is only raising £72 million.

The viewing figures will hardly compare. The Barcelona Olympics were watched by 16,600 million people in 193 countries. The World Cup in the United States in 1994 was seen by 32.116 million people in 188 countries, yet the Barcelona rights went for five times as much money. The IOC's deal with NBC for the 2000, 2004 and 2008 games is staggering. For American television rights alone, it is receiving £2.3 billion.

Everything in Atlanta is for sale. The Olympic stadium will be turned into the new home of the Atlanta Braves baseball team after the tournament and the running track is being dug up. If you were quick enough you could have ordered your piece from the builders, but it is now all sold.

If there was a gold medal for commercialism in sport, the IOC should award it to itself. You might not like their methods. But you cannot say they do not work.

Jason Nissé

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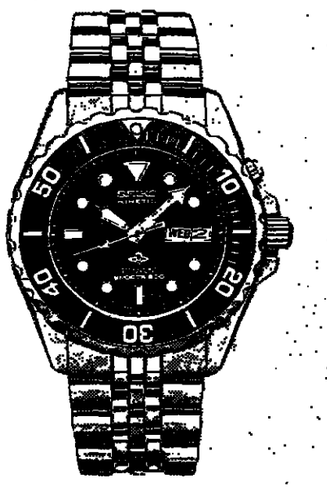

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SPORTS LETTERS

Better drug controls

From Mr Robert C. Copeman

Sir, At what audience was last Tuesday's edition of *Panorama* and its Olympic drug allegations aimed? If at the general public, when Ben Johnson slaughters the rest over 100 metres, do they care how he did it? If at those of us with a lifetime of experience, it was a shallow, non-sequitur, largely rehashing previously shown vision bytes.

I was perhaps the first coach of a British Olympic gold medal-winner to purchase a machine capable of using elements of blood chemistry to monitor training more professionally and to reduce the incidence of injury and illness. When used on a regular basis, the results of blood tests can be a far better indicator of "malpractice" than random urine tests.

There will always be the risk of a third party administering illegal substances without the athlete's knowledge. The speed skater, Wilf O'Reilly, at unaffordable personal expense, designed and had made a lockable sports drink bottle which has so far elicited complete lack of interest from all those parties who will most suffer if and when the next high profile "spiking" claim is made with all its subsequent litigation.

A visit to England's training camp or to any of the match venues during Euro 96 showed how easy it would be to slip tablets into the flip-top bottles used by the players and stood around the pitch. Too often we fail to support these highly-paid sportsmen professionally.

Yours very sincerely,
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RFU takes up TV challenge

From Mr Ian Smith

Sir, The last Rugby World Cup and the recent Super 12 competition have clearly demonstrated that there is a huge amount of work for the northern hemisphere teams to do before they can hope to compete on equal terms with the best in the world.

New Zealand have clearly shown us the way forward in developing a true 15-man game based on levels of fitness, strength, power and technique with which only a few of our top players can compete.

In truth they have been professionals for a long long time and the only real way that the English game is ever going to compete is to match them in professionalism. Sadly, but quite evidently, this, amongst other things, is going to cost money.

So congratulations to the Rugby Football Union for finally recognising this and attempting to drag the English game into the Nineties by negotiating a television contract which will fairly reflect England's contribution to the five nations' championship. I applaud their courage and hope quite fervently that they will stand up to the inevitable criticism that their decision will invoke.

Once again we are being held to ransom by the Celtic fringe who have grown rich off the back of England's contribution to the competition for long enough. We must immediately call their bluff and begin to arrange a new competition with the opposition who really count in world rugby — France, Australia, South Africa and New Zealand — and leave the second division of world rugby to realise what their true value is.

I for one will not weep for a competition which in the past five years has produced for the most part moribund 11-man rugby and an offensive amount of xenophobic knee jerk nationalism from any country that happens to be playing England at the time. Long live the five nations.

Yours sincerely,
IAN SMITH,
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From Mr Paul Braley

Sir, Three cheers for the Scottish, Welsh and Irish RFUs for kicking the Rugby Football Union into touch and out of the five nations' championship. In sport these days there is far too much greed and this seems to be encouraged by BSkyB.

What the English governing body has forgotten or does not realise is that the interest in rugby over the years, especially since the War, has been generated by the televising of the game by the BBC. Youngsters have been encouraged to take up the game after watching it there. This, I am sure, is evidenced by the difficulty in obtaining a ticket for internationals.

The size of the audience will decrease, as not everyone can afford to subscribe to Sky. Has the RFU thought of the possible effect this will have on the number of hospitality boxes that will be bought?

The decision of the RFU will not encourage young people to take up the game, as they will not see the international players. They will therefore not have anyone to emulate, so from where will the future internationals come?

Yours faithfully,
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Melksham, Wiltshire.

Joint body required

From Mr Charles Mercer

Sir, Many bowlers will agree with the views expressed by David Rhys Jones and others (July 16) that it has become increasingly difficult to provide satisfactory outdoor, grass greens. It is unlikely that things will improve.

I fear the Australian example of larger clubs would not work here if only because of space considerations. So, for many, the solution may be an artificial surface if one can be found.

It will need to be as good as grass, and with the same characteristics if it is to continue side by side with the many clubs that will continue to play on grass.

When the artifical green becomes an acceptable fact of life, outdoor comparisons will be made with the indoor game despite the completely different surface. Perhaps there will be seen a greater compatibility between the outdoor and indoor games and a sort of coming together if you like.

For this reason, and for other considerations too numerous to mention here, it seems evident that the various outdoor and indoor associations and boards should merge so that we could have an authorative body governing the sport in all its manifestations.

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES MERCER,
Blue Seas,
Watcombe Heights Road,
Torquay,
Devon.

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Spectators lacking knowledge

From Miss M. Derome

Sir, Unfortunately it seems that we are seeing a new generation of "know-nowts" (Michael Henderson, July 15).

I had the misfortune to spend the first day of the Trent Bridge Test in the William Clarke stand almost surrounded by teenagers of school age whose knowledge of cricket was minimal and whose sole aim was "to get on the telly", to which end they jeered, cheered, whistled, sang, chanted, stood on seats, climbed over seats and generally made a nuisance of themselves.

This experience makes me think that cricket watching in person at Test matches, which goes back to the Australians in 1948, as a schoolgirl, will end.

Yours faithfully,
M. DEROME,
25 Belmont Gardens,
Edinburgh 12.

From Mr Fred Burrows

Sir, Whilst agreeing wholeheartedly with Michael Henderson's comments regarding the behaviour of the one-day, rent-a-crowd oafs ruining the enjoyment of such occasions, this has happened repeatedly at Old Trafford and Headingley at most of the one day games, I have attended.

I was also at Trent Bridge on the second day of the Test and my complaint is levelled at the other end of the spectator scale, the corporate guests.

Returning to their seats after lunch — usually late — they walked in front of the seated spectators during overs. Again, returning from tea, they were again late doing the same thing.

Finally, during England's innings from six o'clock to the end of play, the majority left early, clutching logo'd brollies and goodie bags, yet again walking across the views of spectators, eager to get away before the rush at end of play.

Please can the sponsors indicate on their invitations what cricket is about.

Yours sincerely,
FRED BURROWS,
66 Kiln Lane,
St Helens, Merseyside.

Right champion

From Mr Kevin E. Marshall

Sir, While I have, and always have had, a great deal of resepct for Simon Pender, and do not wish to detract from his many successes, I must point out that he is not, and never has been, the champion of the national Sonata class (report, July 19). That honour is currently held by Steve Goacher, as it was in 1994 and 1995.

Yours etc.,
KEVIN MARSHALL
(Chairman,
National Sonata class),
31 Carnoustie Avenue,
Gourock,
Renfrewshire.

Code breakers

From Mr Michael Jeffels

Sir, Professional golfers are not observing section 1 of the Rules of Golf with regard to "Damage to Greens". This states that "Players should not damage the putting green by leaning on their putters, particularly when removing the ball from the hole."

Having watched the Open Championship on television, I noticed players contravening this code. What can be done?

Yours etc.,
MICHAEL JEFFELS,
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Great Shelford,
Cambridgeshire.

FOOTBALL

Poborsky to complete move at last

RACING: DERBY WINNER PLEASES HAGGAS AS HE COMPLETES PREPARATION FOR KING GEORGE

Shaamit earns top marks for homework

By Julian Muscat

SHAAMIT, the much-maligned Derby winner, completed his preparation for the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes with an impressive workout at Newmarket racecourse yesterday. The three-year-old could not be in better health for his clash with the older generation at Ascot on Saturday.

Under Pat Eddery, Shaamit was held off the pace dictated by the Ed Dunlop-trained Top Guide and Yeast, the Royal Hunt Cup winner, before gathering in the leaders at the end of seven furlongs on the July course. On this evidence, the colt is primed to uphold the honour of the classic crop.

William Haggas, who trains Shaamit, is not naturally inclined towards hyperbole. But he said: "It was a decent piece of work. Top Guide has been leading Ta Rib in her work and Yeast is in corking form at the moment. Shaamit picked up well and Pat seemed quite happy with the horse."

Shaamit bypassed the Irish Derby and Eclipse Stakes after throwing a shoe. A loose nail penetrated his hoof but the colt has now put those problems behind him. Haggas is eagerly anticipating the projected encounter with Pentire, Classic Cliche, Strategic Choice and Swain, although the last-named needs an easing in the fast ground to take his chance.

"It doesn't matter what the beaten horses in the Derby have been doing," Haggas maintained. "My horse won the race; it is entirely up to him to prove himself. Last year, they said Lammtarra won a bad Derby but they're not saying that now. We are looking to make our horse into a star. He is as well as he was before the Derby. If anything, we think he is now a bit sharper."

Yesterday's gallop marked the second occasion Eddery has ridden Shaamit in his work. Eddery steps into the seat vacated by Michael Hills, who rode Shaamit to his Epsom classic success. Hills opted for Pentire before incurring a suspension which, pending appeal, will force him to sit out the King George.

"Pat now knows Shaamit," Haggas said. "The horse has plenty of speed and we won't be attacking around Swinley Bottom." The trainer added that Missile, an easy winner at Newmarket on Saturday, is to carry his 7lb penalty in the Schweppes Golden Mile at Goodwood on August 1. The colt is a warm favourite for the eight-furlong handicap.

Hills, who partnered Top Guide in Shaamit's gallop, was also aboard Young Buster, who led the workout involving Pentire. Geoff Wragg, who trains Pentire, has covered an unfavourable conclusion to Hills's appeal on Wednesday by provisionally booking Michael Roberts. It was Roberts who put Pentire through his paces over a mile on the July course yesterday.

This marked the South African's first feel of the four-year-old, whose efforts were more than matched by stablemate First Island. However, Roberts was in optimistic mood. "Pentire is a laid-back little fellow but he quickened up well. He seems in good form."

☐ Peter Chapple-Hyam's Astor Place finished third behind Darazari in the group two £39,526 Prix Maurice de Nieuil at Maisons-Laffitte yesterday.

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ED BYRNE

Shaamit, partnered by Eddery, strides clear of one of his work companions, Yeast, on the July course at Newmarket yesterday

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: COLOMBIA (7.55 Windsor)

Next best: Don Pepe (2.45 Musselburgh)

WINDSOR

THUNDERER

6.25 Bronze Runner
6.55 Ellway Lady
7.25 Ailesbury Hill
7.55 Colombia
8.25 Ma Petite Anglaise
8.55 Lucky Revenge

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 6.25 Elly Fleetfoot. 7.55 COLOMBIA (nap). 8.25 Ma Petite Anglaise.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 63

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. SF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse last won (F — firm, good to firm. hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS
TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

6.25 GREAT ORMOND STREET CHILDRENS HOSPITAL CARDIAC UNIT SELLING HANDICAP (£2,773 1m 3f 135yd) (15 runners)

107 (1) 040002 ELLY FLEETFOOT 7 (CD,G) (A Reid) M Ryan 4-9-12 B Doyle 88
102 (3) 050-326 WILLY STAR 14 (G) (Mrs S Smith) Mrs S Smith 6-9-11 G Lee (5) 98
103 (2) 24405 AJDAR 18 (D,G) (Mrs S Cott) Miss G Kelleway 5-9-7 Dane O'Neill (3) 95
104 (5) 4-04216 KRISTAL BREEZE 14 (BF,S) (S Lamb) W Muir 4-9-1 J Reid 88
105 (11) 0000-5 LAST AMBITION 68 (A Stringer) R Champion 4-8-12 A Clark —
106 (6) 1002-06 NOTHING DOING 21 (CD,G) (Broughton Bloodstock) W Musson 7-8-8 S Whitworth 88
107 (12) 501000 YELLOW DRAGON 12 (D,G) (C Keat) B Pearce 3-8-8 Leesa Long 95
108 (7) 1-4/00 SAFETY 23 (B,F,G) (A Sangster) J White 9-8-6 S Drowne (3) 93
109 (4) 000013 DOTS DEE 2 (D,F) (J Kearney) J Bradley 7-8-3 Paul Eddery 92
110 (13) 0-00600 BRONZE RUNNER 9 (B,CD,F,G) (A Stroud & Co Ltd) E Wheeler 12-8-3 A Daly (5) 95
111 (15) 310000 THORNWAMA 27 (G) (J Bridger) J Bridger 5-8-3 Darren Moffatt (3) —
112 (9) 020-000 LEAP IN THE DARK 16 (F) (Mrs D Morris) Miss L Siddall 7-8-2 G Hind 66
113 (10) 050000 MYSTIC LEGEND 9 (Mrs E Sinclair) J Sheehan 4-8-1 J F Egan —
114 (8) 060-020 TOCCO JEWEL 8 (S) (M Ryan) M Ryan 6-7-10 A McCarthy (7) 88
115 (14) 600-000 DOLLY DOLITTLE 13 (Mrs D Carter) H Collingridge 5-7-10 N Adams —

Long handicap: Tocco Jewel 7-6. Dolly Dolittle 7-2.

BETTING: 5-1 Dots Dee, 6-1 Bronze Runner, Elly Fleetfoot, 7-1 Ajdar, Kristal Breeze, 8-1 Willy Star, 10-1 Last Ambition, 12-1 Tocco Jewel, 14-1 others.

1995: NOTHING DOING 6-8-12 A McGlone (6-1) W Musson 17 ran

FORM FOCUS

ELLY FLEETFOOT 4l 2nd of 6 to Shabanaz in seller over course and distance (good to firm). WILLY STAR short-head 2nd of 6 to Sir Arthur Hobbs in claimer at Hamilton (1m 1f, good) on penultimate start. AJDAR about 1¾l 5th of 9 to Don't Drop Bombs in lady riders' handicap at Yarmouth (1m 2f, good to firm). KRISTAL BREEZE beat I'm A Nut Man ½l in 19-runner selling handicap at Leicester (1m 2f, good to soft) on penultimate start. LAST AMBITION 16l 5th of 10 to Premier Project in lady riders' race at Kilbarry (1m 4f, good to firm). DOTS DEE 2½l 3rd of 7 to Zeluba in selling handicap at Warwick (1m 4f, 115yd, firm). THORNWAMA 18l last of 9 to White Plains in apprentice handicap at Lingfield (1m 2f, firm). Selection: ELLY FLEETFOOT

6.55 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND NATIONAL CAR PARKS MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,998: 5f 10yd) (10 runners)

201 (9) 000 COUNTLESS TIMES 12 (Pin Way Racing Pnrs) W Muir 9-0 Paul Eddery —
202 (6) 642 EFFERVESCENCE 9 (BF) (The Gold Buster Synd) R Hannon 9-0 Dane O'Neill (3) 88
203 (10) GUNNERS GLORY (T Panning) B Meehan 9-0 B Doyle —
204 (8) INCATIME (R Shaw) C James 9-0 C Rutter —
205 (3) 60 JONFY 3 (J Raper) B Hills 9-0 G Brace (7) 76
206 (5) 554 MANGUS 11 (Danebury Racing Stables Ltd) K Cunningham-Brown 9-0 S Whitworth 84
207 (7) V I P CHARLIE (A Taylor) J Jenkins 9-0 S Sanders —
208 (2) 26 CHILLING 16 (Miss A Amey) P Murphy 8-9 S Drowne (3) 95
209 (1) 0 CORAL SPRINGS 34 (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-9 J Reid —
210 (4) ELLWAY LADY (Ellway Racing Ptnrs) I Balding 8-9 M Hills —

BETTING: 5-2 Effervescence, 3-1 Ellway Lady, 7-2 Chilling, 9-2 Mangus, 6-1 Gunners Glory, 8-1 Jonfy, 10-1 others.

1995: NELLIE NORTH 8-2 R Studholme (10-1) Mrs M McCourt 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

COUNTLESS TIMES 13l 10th of 16 to Raindancing in auction maiden at Kempton (6f, good to firm). EFFERVESCENCE ½l 2nd of 7 to Aybeagal in maiden at Chester (5f, good to firm). JONFY 17l 11th of 12 to Cinema Paradise in maiden at Newbury (6f, good to firm). MANGUS 3¾l 4th of 12 to Rudimental in maiden at Wolverhampton (AW, 6f). CHILLING 1¾l 2nd of 10 to Red Embers in maiden at Bath (5f 161yd, good) on penultimate start. CORAL SPRINGS 13l 8th of 11 to Tough Leader in maiden at Thirsk (7f, good to firm). Selection: EFFERVESCENCE

7.25 MAXIMS CASINO CLUB HANDICAP (£3,773: 1m 2f 7yd) (10 runners) SKY

301 (6) 221-615 SHINING EXAMPLE 51 (CD,F) (D Alder) P Makin 4-9-10 T Quinn 90
302 (7) 001540 MYFONTAINE 14 (C,D,F,G,S) (K Ivory) K Ivory 9-9-2 Martin Dwyer (5) 98
303 (8) 100-410 MONUMENT 16 (F) (Mrs P King) J King 4-9-0 B Doyle 94
304 (4) 440-230 SOVIET BRIDE 51 (D,F,G) (T Shepherd) S Dow 4-8-13 A Daly (5) 90
305 (1) 5123-0 LEITH ACADEMY 14 (F) (Newbyth Stud) B Hills 3-8-9 D Holland 89
306 (2) 34-3440 SWEETNESS HERSELF 45 (Mrs M Lavell) M Ryan 3-8-6 W Carson 92
307 (5) 20-0030 AILESBURY HILL 12 (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 3-8-6 J Reid 90
308 (10) 0-32005 PRINCESS DANIELLE 14 (D,F,S) (Mrs M Wickham) W Muir 4-8-5 C Rutter 88
309 (3) 380- CALLALOO 286 (Lord Howard de Walden) Mrs J Cecil 3-8-4 A Clark 94
310 (9) 6-40 INDIAN NECTAR 51 (Dr J Laghi) G Balding 3-7-13 S Sanders 92

BETTING: 3-1 Shining Example, 4-1 Monument, 5-1 Ailesbury Hill, 6-1 Callaloo, 8-1 Princess Danielle, 10-1 Myfontaine, Soviet Bride, 12-1 others.

1995: TRADE WIND 4-9-4 A Procter (8-1) D Elsworth 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

SHINING EXAMPLE about 8½l 5th of 14 to Leading Spirit in handicap at Kempton (1m 4f, good to firm) with SOVIET BRIDE (2lb better off) 4½l 8th. MYFONTAINE 5½l 4th of 13 to Shining Dancer in handicap over course and distance (good to firm) on penultimate start. MONUMENT beat Witherloy ¾l in 8-runner claimer at Salisbury (1m, good to firm) on penultimate start. SOVIET BRIDE best effort this term ½l 2nd of 13 to Paradise Waters in handicap at Bath (1m 3f 144yd, good). LEITH ACADEMY 33l last of 9 to Arabian Story in conditions race here (1m 3f 135yd, good). AILESBURY HILL 5l 3rd of 10 to Bakheela in handicap at Newbury (1m 2f, good to firm) on penultimate start. INDIAN NECTAR 10½l 4th of 10 to Roses In The Snow in maiden at Bath (1m, good to firm) on penultimate start. Selection: MYFONTAINE

7.55 COOLMORE STUD CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-O fillies: £4,577: 5f 217yd) (5 runners) SKY

401 (2) 1 COLOMBIA 16 (D,G) (Sultan Al Kabeer) M Stoute 8-13 J Reid 88
402 (3) 1 SILVER PURSE 14 (D,F) (POWTC Ltd/ Speedy Snaps) A Jones 8-13 T Sprake 92
403 (5) 2 IRTIFA 14 (B Al Maktoum) P Walwyn 8-9 W Carson 95
404 (4) 62513 WHIZZ KID 12 (C,F) (J Bridger) J Bridger 8-9 Darren Moffatt (3) 86
405 (1) RAFFELINA (Normandy Developments) R Akehurst 8-6 S Sanders —

BETTING: 4-5 Colombia, 7-2 Irtifa, 5-1 Silver Purse, 10-1 Whizz Kid, 12-1 Raffelina.

1995: TROPICAL DANCE 9-5 J Reid (4-6 fav) Mrs J Cecil 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

COLOMBIA beat Ghayyur ¾l in 6-runner maiden at Haydock (6f, good). SILVER PURSE beat IRTIFA (4lb better off) short-head in 11-runner maiden at Bath (5f 161yd, good to firm). WHIZZ KID 2½l 3rd of 8 to Jennelle in nursery at Folkestone (5f, good). RAFFELINA (looked Mar 14). Second foal by Carson City; dam, daughter of very useful French filly Bernica, winner up to 7f in North America. Selection: COLOMBIA

8.25 MASTERS INTERNATIONAL FILLIES HANDICAP (£3,734: 1m 67yd) (12 runners) SKY

501 (1) 00-0330 MA PETITE ANGLAISE 44 (CD,F,G) (K Snow) W Jarvis 4-9-10 M Henry (3) 90
502 (3) 42226-0 GREEN BENTLEY 16 (M Suhail) R Hannon 3-9-7 Dane O'Neill (3) 89
503 (12) 343015 Q FACTOR 16 (D,F,S) (H Collis) D Haydn Jones 4-9-4 A Mackay 96
504 (5) 301 LUBABA 39 (D,F) (H Al Maktoum) R Thomson Jones 3-9-4 R Hills 93
505 (10) 0-23426 BLESSED SPIRIT 18 (BF) (Sir William Stratford) C Wall 3-9-3 S Sanders 90
506 (7) 0300 LA PELLEGRINA 39 (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 3-9-2 J Reid 91
507 (11) 003-205 COMMIN' UP 30 (Abbott Racing Partners) J Hills 3-8-13 M Hills 94
508 (9) 0-301 BANDIT GIRL 25 (BF,F) (J Smith) I Balding 3-8-9 Martin Dwyer (5) 91
509 (4) 0-50505 EWAR SUNRISE 23 (A Richards) K Cunningham-Brown 3-8-6 T Sprake 98
510 (2) 0064-00 MAM'SELLE BERGERAC 72 (Three Mr's Partnership) P Mitchell 3-8-5 A Clark 89
511 (6) 26031 RUBBYATI 7 (CD,F) (Wyck Hall Stud) C Brittain 4-8-5 (5ex) B Doyle 88
512 (8) 000500- BARBRALLEN 250J (P Allen) Mrs L Jewell 4-7-10 D O'Shea 80

Long handicap: Barbrallen 7-7

BETTING: 4-1 Bandit Girl, 9-2 Ma Petite Anglaise, Rubbyati, 5-1 Lubaba, 6-1 Q Factor, 7-1 Green Bentley, 10-1 Commin' Up, 12-1 others.

1995: MA PETITE ANGLAISE 3-9-2 M Henry (9-2) W Jarvis 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

MA PETITE ANGLAISE best recent effort 2l 3rd of 18 to Shining Example in conditions race here (1m 2f, good to firm). Q FACTOR beat Yocall Lodge head in 12-runner handicap at Nottingham (1m, good to firm) on penultimate start. LUBABA beat Mohannad head in 5-runner maiden at Yarmouth (1m, firm). BLESSED SPIRIT 2½l 2nd of 14 to Alamein in auction maiden at Catterick (7f, good) on penultimate start. LA PELLEGRINA best recent effort ¾l and short-head 3rd of 12 to Stately Dancer in maiden at Salisbury (1m 2f, good to firm). BANDIT GIRL beat Anak-Ku head in 10-runner maiden at Salisbury (7f, good to firm). RUBBYATI beat Buddy 1½l in 16-runner handicap over course and distance (good to firm). Selection: LUBABA

8.55 WILLIAMS DE BROE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,046: 5f 217yd) (14 runners)

601 (10) 06002 SHAVINSKY 12 (Mrs J Khan) P Howling 10-0 Paul Eddery 85
602 (11) 001000 TIMES OF TIMES 10 (D,F,G) (A Reid) M Ryan 9-5 T Quinn 91
603 (13) 6-44420 DUBAI COLLEGE 17 (A Mezza) C Brittain 9-4 B Doyle 91
604 (3) 36-0001 MR SPEAKER 16 (D,F) (Hinkleham Racing) C Wall 9-2 N Carlisle 89
605 (11) 20-2004 LUCKY REVENGE 10 (S Bayless) M Meade 9-0 J Reid 95
606 (6) 5510-06 VILLAGE NATIVE 12 (D,F) (A Richards) A Cunningham-Brown 8-13 S Whitworth 91
607 (9) 0-42412 CROESO CYNNES 4 (CD,BF,G) (Davies and Bridgeman) B Palling 8-11 T Sprake 88
608 (8) 0054 REDSKIN LADY 5 (Whitcombe Manor Racing) D Elsworth 8-6 Dane O'Neill (3) 92
609 (5) 460621 MAY QUEEN MEGAN 10 (D,F) (S Harrison) Mrs A Naug 8-5 N Adams 92
610 (4) 343482 MYSTERY MATTHIAS 10 (V) (M & Mrs J Laycock) Miss B Sanders 8-3 S Sanders 92
611 (14) 00060 AMELIJAILL 16 (Mrs J Cash) R Hannon 8-1 J F Egan 88
612 (12) 060034 NEVER THINK TWICE 12 (B) (K Ivory) K Ivory 7-12 Martin Dwyer (5) 98
613 (7) 0-0060 ON THE HOME RUN 19 (B) (S Powell) J Jenkins 7-10 A Daly (5) 82
614 (2) 0600 GOVERNOR'S BID 19 (B) (J Hoffins) Mrs L Jewell 7-10 D O'Shea

Long handicap: On The Home Run 7-8, Governor's Bid 7-0

BETTING: 5-1 Croeso Cynnes, 6-1 Mystery Matthias, May Queen Megan, Lucky Revenge, 7-1 Mr Speaker, Redskin Lady, 8-1 others.

1995: CHARNWOOD QUEEN 7-10 W Carson (3-1 fav) R Armstrong 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

SHAVINSKY head 2nd of 8 to Watch The Fire in maiden at Folkestone (6f, good) DUBAI COLLEGE ½l 2nd of 9 to Nagbaal in handicap at Yarmouth (7f, firm) on penultimate start. MR SPEAKER beat Lullabalu ½l in maiden handicap at Chepstow (6f, good to firm) with AMELIJAILL (7lb better off) 7l 8th. VILLAGE NATIVE about 4¾l 6th of 15 to Soaring in handicap at Kempton (7f, good to firm). CROESO CYNNES neck 2nd of 7 to Kildee Lad in handicap at Leicester (6f, good to firm) MAY QUEEN MEGAN beat MYSTERY MATTHIAS (1lb better off) neck in 13-runner handicap at Lingfield (6f, good to firm) with LUCKY REVENGE (3lb better off) neck and head 4th and TIMES OF TIMES (4lb better off) about 12l 12th. Selection: SHAVINSKY

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Mrs J Cecil	4	13	30.8	J Reid	22	153	14.4
R Hannon	49	244	20.1	T Quinn	21	158	13.3
M Stoute	8	41	19.5	M Hills	12	93	12.9
I Balding	7	41	17.1	W Carson	12	105	11.4
P Walwyn	4	27	14.8	T Sprake	7	63	11.1
W Jarvis	3	23	13.0	P Robinson	6	56	10.7

MUSSELBURGH

THUNDERER

2.15 Victoria's Secret. 2.45 DON PEPE (nap). 3.15 Bride's Reprisal. 3.45 Nkapen Rocks. 4.15 Foxes Tail. 4.45 China Hand.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (FIRM IN PLACES) SIS
DRAW: 5F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.15 GILLESPIE'S MALT STOUT MAIDEN HANDICAP (£3,046: 1m 4f 31yd) (4 runners)

1 (2) 4420 VICTORIA'S SECRET 3 M Channon 4-9-10 T Quinn 89
2 (4) 0053 ATIENZA 18 S Williams 3-9-2 K Fallon 90
3 (1) 046 THE GREAT FLOOD 21 N Tinkler 3-8-10 G Duffield 88
4 (3) 0350 PHAR CLOSER 3 W Kemp 3-8-5 T Williams 98

6-4 Victoria's Secret, 5-2 Atienza, 3-1 The Great Flood, 5-1 Phar Closer.

2.45 McEWAN'S 80/- LIMITED STAKES (£2,633: 7f 15yd) (8)

1 (3) 0060 HANNAH'S USHER 17 (C,F,G) C Murray 4-9-5 M Tebbutt 80
2 (8) 2005 DON PEPE 7 (CD,F,G) R Boss 5-9-2 J Carroll 94
3 (5) 0010 ENCORE M'LADY 21 (F,G) F Lee 5-9-2 J Fanning 92
4 (1) 2220 INTENDANT 17 (F) J Fitzgerald 4-9-2 K Fallon 94
5 (4) 0000 PEACEFULL REPLY 16 (F) F Lee 6-9-2 M Baird (5) 75
6 (2) 4502 CISERANO 9 (G) M Channon 3-8-9 T Quinn 97
7 (7) 0036 SHONTAINE 18 (F,G) M Johnston 3-8-9 T Williams 88
8 (6) 51-0 TRUTH 42 (D,G) M Prescott 3-8-6 G Duffield 91

3-4 Don Pepe, 4-1 Intendant, 5-1 Truth, 6-1 Encore M'Lady, 7-1 Ciserano, 8-1 Shontaine, 12-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: R Boss, 3 winners from 8 runners, 37.5%. M Channon, 8 from 27, 29.6%; N Tinkler, 8 from 29, 27.6%. M Prescott, 8 from 31, 25.8%. S Williams, 5 from 20, 25.0%; J Wainwright, 3 from 12, 25.0%.

JOCKEYS: G Duffield, 20 winners from 77 rides, 26.0%; J Carroll, 31 from 154, 20.1%. K Fallon, 23 from 146, 15.8%.

3.15 McEWAN'S 70/- CLASSIC NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £3,425: 5f) (4)

1 (4) 102 BRIDE'S REPRISAL 2 (D,F) M Channon 9-7 T Quinn 94
2 (1) 3202 RED ROMANCE 10 Denys Smith 9-0 K Fallon 96
3 (2) 4641 UNDER PRESSURE 14 (D,G) T Easterby 8-12 M Birch 88
4 (3) 366 CASUAL COTTAGE 14 (V) C Murray 8-4 M Baird (5) 98

5-4 Bride's Reprisal, 2-1 Under Pressure, 7-2 Red Romance, 10-1 Casual Cottage.

3.45 McEWAN'S LAGER RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES (£2,549: 1m 16yd) (7)

1 (2) -060 SCHOOL OF SCIENCE 17 D Nolan 6-9-6 G Duffield 93
2 (1) 0/0- CORKY'S GIRL 535 R McKellar 4-9-3 D McGaffin (7) —
3 (5) 3523 ANAK-KU 6 (V) Miss G Kelleway 3-8-12 T Quinn 97
4 (4) 0600 AYE READY 18 (V) Miss L Perratt 3-8-12 M Birch —
5 (7) 00-0 DINO'S MISTRAL 7 F Lee 3-8-12 J Fanning —
6 (6) 0052 NKAPEN ROCKS 28 Capt J Wilson 3-8-12 K Fallon 88
7 (3) 5535 MADRINA 21 J Berry 3-8-9 J Carroll 96

8-11 Anak-Ku, 3-1 Nkapen Rocks, 7-1 Madrina, 10-1 Aye Ready, 12-1 Dino's Mistral, 16-1 Corky's Girl, School Of Science.

4.15 BEAMISH RED IRISH ALE MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,577: 7f 15yd) (6)

1 (6) 066 IMPERIAL OR METRIC 19 J Berry 8-8 J Carroll 89
2 (2) 3 FOXES TAIL 17 Miss S Hall 8-5 N Carlisle 88
3 (1) 004 BALLYDINERO 16 Capt J Wilson 8-4 M Baird (5) 87
4 (4) KEEN TO PLEASE Denys Smith 8-3 M Birch —
5 (5) 4036 SILVER RAJ 51 W Kemp 8-3 J Fanning 72
6 (3) 5 MUSIC EXPRESS 35 A Harrison 8-2 G Duffield 81

Evens Foxes Tail, 4-1 Music Express, 6-1 Imperial Or Metric, 7-1 Ballydinero, 8-1 Keen To Please, 12-1 Silver Raj.

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3 (4) 0000 YOUNG BEN 17 (V) J Wainwright 4-9-9 J Bramhill (7) —
4 (2) 0024 CHINA HAND 7 M Ware 4-9-6 J Fanning 92
5 (1) 0050 DISTINCTLY SWINGIN 2 Miss L Perratt 3-9-5 G Duffield 90

6-4 China Hand, 3-1 Jebi, 7-2 Forzara, 6-1 Distinctly Swingin, 10-1 Young Ben.

SOUTHWELL

THUNDERER

2.30 Roar On Toar. 3.00 Chevalier. 3.30 Tintara. 4.00 Rainbows Rhapsody. 4.30 Hopperetta. 5.00 Stevie's Wonder. 5.30 Fighter Squadron.

GOING: STANDARD SIS
DRAW: 6F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.30 UCCELLO LIMITED STAKES (£2,381: 1m) (16 runners)

1 5354 CHADLEIGH LANE 86 (CD,G) R Hollinshead 4-9-10 F Lynch (3) 2
2 0155 DRAGONJOY 11 (B,C,D,G) N Littmoden 3-9-8 G Faulkner (7) 11
3 6001 ROAR ON TOUR 21 (B,CD,G) Mrs M Reveley 7-9-7 A Culhane 13
4 1650 SHERAZ 16 (CD,G) N Tinkler 4-9-7 C Rutter 4
5 0000 HAWAII STORM 63 (CD,G,S) D Ffrench Davis 8-9-4 R Cochrane 5
6 3000 HOUGHTON VENTURE 30 S Woods 4-9-4 W Woods 7
7 0003 SOUPERRICIAL 11 (V,C,F,G) J Stives 5-9-4 G Carter 8
8 1160 DOMINO FLYER 16 (C,G,S) Mrs A Swinbank 3-9-2 D Harrison 16
9 0435 BEST OF ALL 2 (D,F,S) J Berry 4-9-1 J Fortune 1
10 P460 CATHERINE'S CHOICE 49 J Bethell 3-8-10 J Weaver 15
11 2200 LA TANSANI 14 R Hannon 3-8-10 J F Egan 14
12 5640 LEAD HIM ON 45 P Harris 3-8-10 G Hind 6
13 0356 RED RUSTY 10 (D,G) D Morris 3-8-10 T Ives 9
14 2500 THEATRE MAGIC 54 (C,G) S Bowring 3-8-10 D McKeown 12
15 -000 WELCOME ROYALE 49 M Tompkins 3-8-10 P Robinson 3
16 000 COVERED GIRL 51 B Hills 3-8-7 M Hills 10

5-1 Chadleigh Lane, 7-1 Best Of All, Roar On Tour, 8-1 La Tansani, Dragonjoy, 10-1 Sheraz, Domino Flyer, 12-1 Souperrical, 14-1 others.

3.00 KANDINSKY CLAIMING STAKES (Div I: £2,031: 1m 3f) (9)

1 66P PRECEDENCY 7 R McAuliffe 4-9-12 J F Egan 8
2 0C5- UNCLE OSWALD 350 (F) R Hannon 5-9-12 K Fallon 7
3 3044 CHEVALIER 16 I Campbell 4-9-10 G Faulkner (7) 1
4 0000 IHTIMAAM 21 Mrs A Swinbank 4-9-4 D Harrison 6
5 1030 SANDMOOR DENIM 7 (C,F,G,S) S Bowring 9-9-2 D McKeown 2
6 3-06 BROOM ISLE 38 (F,G) D Burchell 8-8-11 S Drowne (3) 5
7 -000 COMEDIE ARRETE 18 M Chapman 4-8-11 C Scally (7) 4
8 2040 DOUBLE-O-SEVEN 16 (G) M Johnston 3-8-7 J Weaver 7
9 6500 OXGANG 22 (B) J Fitzgerald 3-8-7 J Fortune 9

3-1 Double-O-Seven, 3-1 Uncle Oswald, 4-1 Sandmoor Denim, 6-1 Oxgang, 7-1 Broom Isle, 8-1 Chevalier, 10-1 others.

3.30 TURNER HANDICAP (£2,381: 1m 6f) (14)

1 -054 REDSTELLA 18 (V,S) R Whitaker 7-10-0 A Culhane 10
2 00-6 SICARIAN 14 M Heaton-Ellis 4-9-11 S Drowne (3) 8
3 -000 JUNDI 31 (B,D,F) J Bethell 5-9-1 R Cochrane 9
4 0210 BELLE'S BOY 81 (G) B Palling 3-9-0 T Sprake 13
5 2-66 SAHHAR 126 R Armstrong 3-9-0 G Carter 6
6 2003 ANCHORENA 26 (F) Mrs A Swinbank 4-9-0 J Fortune 1
7 0/5 PERSIAN SYMPHONY 14 (G) Mrs A Naughton 5-8-13 N Connorton 4
8 -310 TINTARA 16 (F) B Hills 3-8-12 M Hills 7
9 0016 SHIRLEY SUE 11 (G) M Johnston 3-8-10 J Weaver 12
10 /00- DRAMA KING 475 (B) S Bowring 4-8-6 S D Williams 14
11 1050 TOP PRIZE 16 (V,C,D,F,G) M Britten 8-8-1 G Bardwell 2
12 0063 BREYDON 17 (BF) M Tompkins 3-7-12 P Robinson 11
13 2000 JEAN DE FLORETTE 30 (B) R Spices 5-7-11 F Norton 5
14 0-00 DISPOL DANCER 70 Mrs V Aconley 5-7-10 J Quinn 3

9-4 Tintara, 5-1 Shirley Sue, 6-1 Redstella, 7-1 Top Prize, 8-1 Breydon, Belle's Boy, 10-1 Persian Symphony, 12-1 others.

3.15 McEWAN'S 70/- CLASSIC NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £3,425: 5f) (4)

1 (4) 102 BRIDE'S REPRISAL 2 (D,F) M Channon 9-7 T Quinn 94
2 (1) 3202 RED ROMANCE 10 Denys Smith 9-0 K Fallon 96
3 (2) 4641 UNDER PRESSURE 14 (D,G) T Easterby 8-12 M Birch 88
4 (3) 366 CASUAL COTTAGE 14 (V) C Murray 8-4 M Baird (5) 98

5-4 Bride's Reprisal, 2-1 Under Pressure, 7-2 Red Romance, 10-1 Casual Cottage.

3.45 McEWAN'S LAGER RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES (£2,549: 1m 16yd) (7)

1 (2) -060 SCHOOL OF SCIENCE 17 D Nolan 6-9-6 G Duffield 93
2 (1) 0/0- CORKY'S GIRL 535 R McKellar 4-9-3 D McGaffin (7) —
3 (5) 3523 ANAK-KU 6 (V) Miss G Kelleway 3-8-12 T Quinn 97
4 (4) 0600 AYE READY 18 (V) Miss L Perratt 3-8-12 M Birch —
5 (7) 00-0 DINO'S MISTRAL 7 F Lee 3-8-12 J Fanning —
6 (6) 0052 NKAPEN ROCKS 28 Capt J Wilson 3-8-12 K Fallon 88
7 (3) 5535 MADRINA 21 J Berry 3-8-9 J Carroll 96

8-11 Anak-Ku, 3-1 Nkapen Rocks, 7-1 Madrina, 10-1 Aye Ready, 12-1 Dino's Mistral, 16-1 Corky's Girl, School Of Science.

4.15 BEAMISH RED IRISH ALE MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,577: 7f 15yd) (6)

1 (6) 066 IMPERIAL OR METRIC 19 J Berry 8-8 J Carroll 89
2 (2) 3 FOXES TAIL 17 Miss S Hall 8-5 N Carlisle 88
3 (1) 004 BALLYDINERO 16 Capt J Wilson 8-4 M Baird (5) 87
4 (4) KEEN TO PLEASE Denys Smith 8-3 M Birch —
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4.00 CEZANNE FILLIES HANDICAP (£3,534: 7f) (16)

1 -155 SONDOS 65 (G) J Hills 3-9-10 M Henry (3) 7
2 0-00 ITSNTHEPOST 14 (D) V Soane 3-9-10 A McGlone 16
3 0411 PRINCESS ERSKI 11 (G) B McMahon 3-9-8 G Carter 15
4 0400 PRUDENT PRINCESS 46 (B) A Hide 4-9-7 R Havlin (5) 8
5 /00 SHAA SPIN 23 J Berry 4-9-5 J Fortune 10
6 0024 FORMIDABLE LIZ 13 (BF,F) M Hammond 6-9-3 J Weaver 14
7 600 YOUNG ANNABEL 78 C Dwyer 3-9-1 T Ives 9
8 060- NEVER SAY SO 30J C Smith 4-8-13 C Teague (3) 11
9 5000 CEDAR GIRL 7 (F) R Hodges 4-8-2 Amanda Sanders (5) 4
10 0530 DOWN THE YARD 23 (F) M Chapman 3-8-0 N Kennedy 12
11 0503 ROCKY STREAM 18 R Whitaker 3-7-13 A Mackay 6
12 4556 HADADABBLE 10 Pat Mitchell 3-7-11 N Varley (3) 5
13 4245 RAINBOWS RHAPSODY 3 (BF) D Chapman 5-7-11 J Quinn 3
14 0-00 RUNFORACTION 16 (B,C,G) L Lloyd-James 4-7-11 J Lowe 1
15 0041 PORTITE SOPHIE 11 (G) M Brittain 5-7-10 D Wright (3) 2
16 0020 PERSEPHONE 23 (V) I Campbell 3-7-10 R Mullen (7) 13

9-2 Princess Erski, 6-1 Portite Sophie, Sondos, 7-1 Formidable Liz, 8-1 Rocky Stream, 9-1 Shaa Spin, 10-1 Persephone, 12-1 others.

4.30 MONDRIAN SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,070: 7f) (6)

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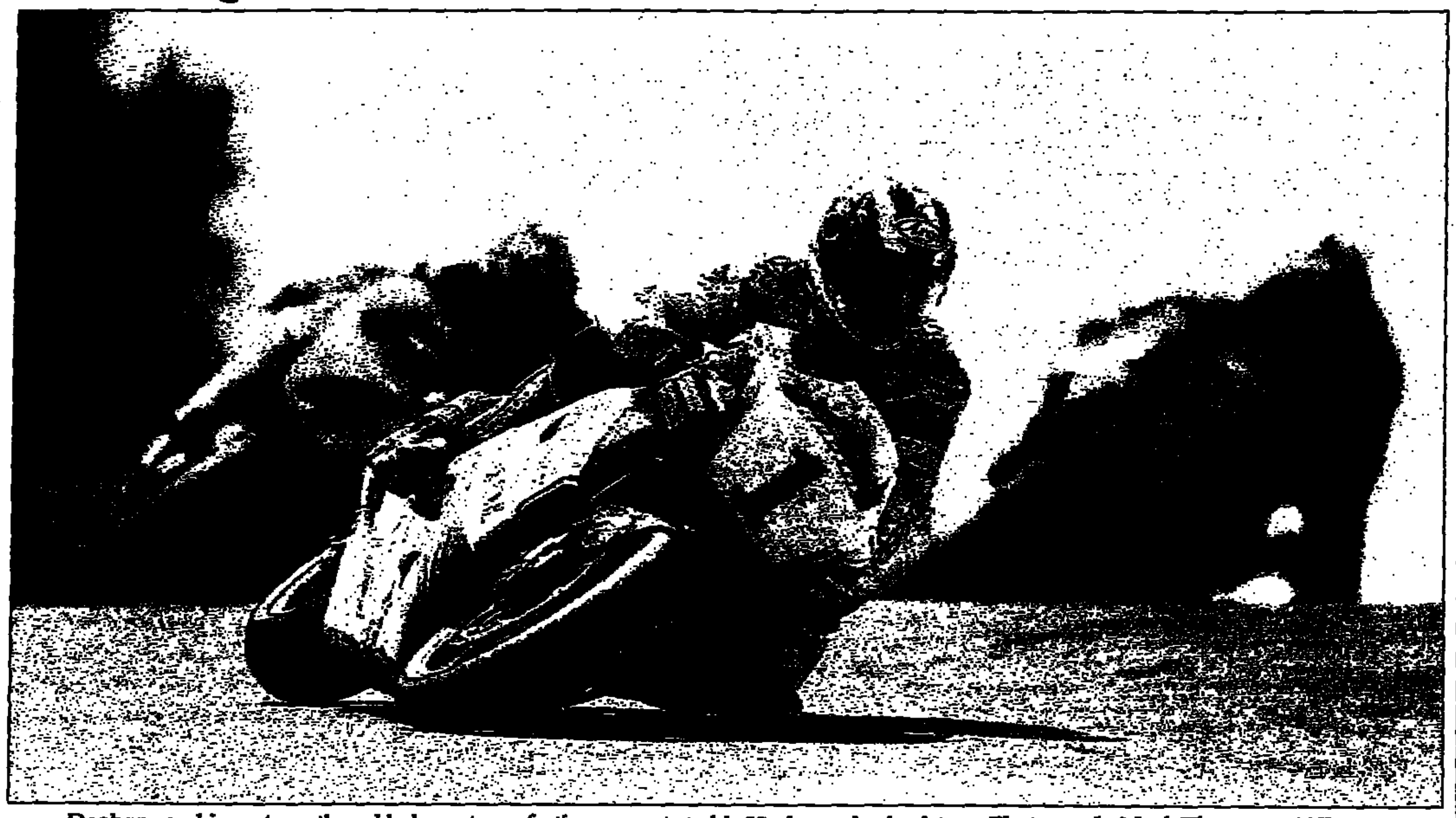
MOTORCYCLING: AUSTRALIAN CONFIRMS 500C MASTERY IN EFFORTLESS STYLE AT DONINGTON PARK

Centenary celebration for Doohan

By Nick Szczepanik



Doohan combines strength and balance to perfection en route to his 32nd grand prix victory. Photograph: Mark Thompson/Allsport

AFTER an early hiccup or two, Michael Doohan, of Australia, won the British 500cc motorcycle grand prix at Donington Park yesterday, the championship leader finishing ahead of Alex Criville, of Spain, the fourth time this season the two riders have taken first and second places respectively. It was Doohan's 32nd victory in his 100th grand prix.

Doohan,not above having his head shaved in a good cause or breaking off in the middle of the post-race press conference to present a prize to the winner of a charity event, cut a relaxed figure although motivation, he insisted, is not a problem. "I've achieved what I want to achieve, but I go on because I enjoy it, and I am enjoying it more than ever. If I don't win, I'll get the best place I can."

Contrary to expectations, the early leader was not Doohan but Kenny Roberts Jr, of the United States, until Loris Capirossi, the relatively unfancied Italian, who had grabbed second place on the grid in qualifying, overtook him on the second lap and set about building a lead.

With Jeremy McWilliams, of Britain, already a faller, it was like Wimbledon for a while as fancied performers tumbled out. Roberts departed quickly and it looked as if Japanese riders, Abe and Okada, must follow when they indulged in what a football referee might have deemed a fair shoulder charge. Hurtling around Donington Park on such powerful machines is not the best time to indulge in contact sports.

The best-placed British rider, Terry Rymer, also left early after a horizontal encounter with a barrier, and Friday's best qualifier, Jean-Michel Bayle, never made it to lap seven. That was when Capirossi glanced up as he approached a left-hand bend only to see Doohan sliding into it before him. Thereafter, the race assumed a more predictable aspect as Criville took his familiar second spot, the place he also occupies in the world championship.

The Italian, Luca Cadalora, who had won the previous grand prix in Germany found life difficult battling his way up from twelfth and, as Capirossi's star also waned, the groans from the massed Italian media grew louder. For everyone else, however, the question was the one which must occupy Tony Blair and Bill Clinton, and probably still gives Kevin Keegan nightmares — can the leader hang on? Somehow there was never any doubt, as Doohan stretched his lead to a relatively comfortable 3.319sec by the end. Abe and Okada, so close early on, were nearly as inseparable when crossing the line only 0.146sec of a second apart, but the difference was enough to give Abe third place.

"The start was hectic," Doohan said. "There was a bit of bumping, so I decided to get through the first turn, do good lap times and make it up later. I was having some trouble with my tyres, and not riding too aggressively, so I concentrated on keeping it smooth through the curves. I might have been able to go quicker, but you don't get any points for a lap record.

"Alex [Criville] rode extremely well — I could see him out of the side of my helmet — but as the laps went by, there was less chance of his making up the seconds." Criville looked rueful. "It was a good race," he said. "I was riding well, but it was impossible to catch him."

Max Biaggi, of Italy, won the 250cc race as expected, and was last seen under a scrum of Italian journalists. His countryman, Stefano Perugini, surprised the fancied Japanese riders to take the 125cc title.

There had been British success on Saturday evening when the favourites and championship leaders, Darren Dixon and Andy Hetherington, won the sidecar grand prix while Steve Webster, four times world champion, finished third with David James.

Other locals proving unbeatable were the six-legged flying sort — unconquerable even with insect repellant. They may not make world-beating bikes in the Midlands anymore, but watch out for the bugs.

No flies on Michael Doohan, though. Perhaps a light spray of champagne helps to keep them off.

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SPORT IN BRIEF

Ellwood in hurry to clinch Challenger

BEN ELLWOOD, of Australia, can expect to be among the world's leading 200 after beating Fernon Wibier, of Holland, 6-4, 6-4, in the final of the Manchester Challenger tennis tournament at Didsbury. The match lasted 1hr 4min and Ellwood was always in command. It was his second Challenger win in a row after beating Nick Weal, of Britain, at Bristol last week.

Ellwood, 20, and a former Australian junior champion, collected a cheque for £4,615 before continuing his non-stop programme by flying out to Kitsbuhel in Austria for a World Series event today. His all-round game gave him the edge over the 25-year-old Wibier.

Graf inquiry called off

TENNIS: Prosecutors are preparing to drop a tax evasion investigation against Steffi Graf, *Der Spiegel*, the Hamburg-based news weekly, reported yesterday. The magazine said the investigation would be closed soon because Graf had agreed to pay around £1.4 million. However, the trial of her father, Peter, will still begin on September 5. He is charged with evading taxes on her earnings.

Strike threat averted

SPEEDWAY: The FIM, the sport's world governing body, has averted a strike by leading riders. The International Grand Prix Speedway Riders' Association had threatened to pull out of the three remaining world championship grands prix if the FIM introduced a controversial new tyre, claiming it was unsafe. They can now continue with the conventional ones they have been using so far this season.

Close match in store

RIFLE SHOOTING: The 1,300 competitors who turn up in relays on Bisley's famous century range today for *The Times* Challenge Cup will have a mammoth task. The match, shot at 300 yards, is virtually certain to produce a tied result and many scores of 50. During the first two events making up the Land Rover Grand Aggregate at the weekend, there were more than 270 highest-possible scores.

Köpke moves on

FOOTBALL: Andreas Köpke, the Germany international goalkeeper, yesterday signed a two-year contract with Marseilles, who have just won promotion back to the first division in France. Köpke, one of the stars of Germany's European championship victory, had played for Eintracht Frankfurt since 1994, but decided to move after they were relegated from the *Bundesliga* at the end of last season.

RACING RESULTS FROM SATURDAY'S SIX MEETINGS

Newmarket

Going: good to firm

2.10 (1m 6f 175yd) 1, Top Cees (K Fallon, 6-1); 2, Double Echo (10-1); 3, Floating Line (7-1). Casual Water 9-2 fav. 8 ran. 1½l, ¾l. Mrs J Ramsden. Tote: £5 90; £2.00, £2.60, £2.00. DF: £27.50 CSF: £52.00. Tricast: £331.23

2.45 (1m) 1, Hawksley Hill (K Fallon, 7-2 fav); 2, Toujours Riviera (8-1); 3, Admirals Flame (10-1). 11 ran. 1¾l, 1¼l Mrs J Ramsden. Tote: £3.40; £1.50, £3.00, £3.70. DF: £20.60. Trio: £71.20. CSF: £28.09. Tricast: £228.05.

3.15 (1m 4f) 1, Shemozzle (M Hills, 6-4 fav); 2, Balalaika (8-1); 3, Place De L'Opera (2-1). 5 ran. 2l, 3½l. J Gosden. Tote: £2.10; £1.40, £2.60. DF: £7.00. CSF: £9.07. 2min 28 63sec. After a stewards' inquiry, the result stood.

3.45 (6f) 1, Man Howa (J Weaver, 4-9 fav); 2, Undercover Agent (11-1); 3, Supremism (10-1). 8 ran. 1l, 2½l. L Cumani. Tote: £1.50; £1.20, £1.70, £2.10. DF: £6.10. CSF: £7.04.

4.15 (1m) 1, Missile (M Hills, 5-2 fav); 2, My Lewicia (9-1); 3, North Song (6-1). 11 ran. 2½l, 4l. W. Haggas. Tote: £3.20; £1.80, £2.80, £1.70. DF: £19.70. Trio: £25.00. CSF: £24 49. Tricast: £113.24.

4.45 (5f) 1, Tedburrow (D Griffiths, 11-2 jt-fav); 2, Lago Di Varano (9-1); 3, Sea-Deer (6-1). Bolshoi 11-2 jt-fav. 14 ran. ½l, nk. Mrs A Naughton. Tote: £6.60; £2.20, £3.50, £2.50 DF: £27.90. Trio: £42.00. CSF: £53 00. Tricast: £292.98.

5.20 (5f) 1, Easycall (M Tebbutt, 11-10 fav); 2, Jennelle (7-4); 3, Milroy (16-1). 4 ran. 2½l, shd. B Meehan Tote: £2.00. DF: £1.80. CSF: £3.31.

Placepot: £36.70. Quadpot: £8.10.

Newbury

Going: good to firm

1.30 (6f 8yd) 1, Crystal Crossing (J Reid, Evens fav); 2, Omaha City (14-1); 3, Victory Dancer (7-1). 6 ran. 2l, 3l. P Chapple-Hyam. Tote: £1.90; £1 30, £4.30. DF: £13 70. CSF: £13.21.

2.00 (7f) 1, Imperial President (W Ryan, 9-4; Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Hello (11-4); 3, Wolf Mountain (15-8 fav). 5 ran. Sh hd, 1¾l. H Cecil. Tote: £3.10; £1.20, £1.70. DF: £5.10. CSF: £8.28.

2.30 (5f 34yd) 1, Miss Stamper (D Harrison, 14-1); 2, Young Bigwig (9-1); 3, Head Over Heels (7-1). Secret Combe 5-2 fav. 14 ran. NR: Nervous Rex. ½l, 1¼l. R Hannon. Tote: £21.50; £5 00, £2.70, £2.80. DF: £87.50. Trio: £311.80. CSF: £124 86.

3.05 (6f 8yd) 1, Jayannpee (W Ryan, 16-1); 2, Easy Dollar (20-1); 3, Venture Capitalist (7-1). Inzar 5-1 fav. 16 ran. Nk, ¾l. I Balding. Tote: £18.70; £5.10, £5.30, £3 00. DF: £115 50 Trio: £603.90. CSF: £276.62.

3.35 (1m 2f 6yd) 1, Wall Street (J Reid, 9-2); 2, Salmon Ladder (11-4); 3, Magellan (14-1). Bal Harbour 6-4 fav. 6 ran. NR: Murajja. 1l, 2l. S bin Suroor. Tote: £4.90; £2.10, £1.70. DF: £6.00. CSF: £16.32.

4.05 (1m 5f 61yd) 1, Mystic Hill (A Clark, 12-1); 2, Arctic Fancy (12-1); 3, Generosa (8-1). Step Aloft 7-2 fav. 14 ran. Hd, ¾l. G Harwood. Tote: £17.90; £4.30, £2.40, £2.70. DF: £162 60. Trio: £390.90. CSF: £139.77. Tricast: £1,135.30.

4.35 (1m 1f) 1†, Daunt (J Carroll, 25-1) 1†, Thames Side (D Harrison, 14-1); 3, Game Ploy (6-4 fav). 11 ran. Dd-ht, 1l. J Gosden (Daunt), M Madgwick (Thames Side). Tote: Daunt £11.30, Thames Side £7.20; Daunt £5.00, Thames Side £2.30, £1.70. DF: £299.00 Trio: £262.90. CSF: Daunt and Thames Side, £146.83; Thames Side and Daunt, £129.71. Tricast: Daunt, Thames Side and Game Ploy £358.69; Thames Side, Daunt and Game Ploy £348.09.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £24,902.51 was carried forward to Ayr yesterday).

Placepot: £545.10. Quadpot: £160.90.

Nottingham

2.20 1, Supermick (15-2); 2, Kindred Greeting (6-1); 3, Tiytran (15-2); 4, Risky Rose (7-2 fav). 17 ran. NR: Trumble.

2.50 1, Ikdam (1-2 fav); 2, Catechism (12-1); 3, Soden (50-1). 7 ran.

3.25 1, Cointosser (10-11 fav); 2, Dil Dil (8-1); 3, How Could-I (4-1). 8 ran.

4.00 1, Victorian Style (3-1); 2, Pasternak (11-8 fav); 3, Flying North (7-1). 4 ran.

4.35 1, Circus Star (5-4 fav); 2, Trilby (3-1); 3, Phantom Haze (5-1). 8 ran. NR: Sala Dancer.

5.05 1, Mazilla (5-2 fav); 2, Ragsak Jameel (7-1); 3, Milltown Classic (10-1). 16 ran.

Ripon

2.35 1, Tear White (14-1); 2, Mazil (14-1); 3, Night Flight (7-4 fav). 7 ran.

3.10 1, Roi De La Mer (Evens fav); 2, Sis Garden (6-1); 3, Dance Of Joy (20-1). 11 ran. NR: Raindeer Quest.

3.40 1, Disallowed (5-1); 2, King Of Sparta (8-11 fav); 3, Dispol Gem (6-1). 7 ran.

4.10 1, Highflying (7-1); 2, Etterby Park (11-4 fav); 3, Far Ahead (6-1). 8 ran. NR: Eagle Canyon, Sharkashka.

4.40 1, Percy Braithwaite (4-1); 2, Volle Premiere (9-4 fav); 3, South Sea Bubble (13-2). 7 ran.

5.10 1, Camionneur (11-10 fav); 2, Newlands Corner (12-1); 3, Barranak (12-1) 12 ran.

Ayr

6.50 1, Gold Blade (4-1); 2, Peplist (4-1); 3, Yaakum (10-1). Phimist 5-2 fav. 9 ran.

7.20 1, Stone Flower (5-4 fav); 2, Bride's Reprisal (3-1); 3, Just Visiting (5-1). 6 ran.

7.50 1, Sugarfoot (6-1); 2, Feringdon Future (9-4); 3, Baritone (6-4 fav). 6 ran.

8.20 1, My Gallery (5-2 fav); 2, Sagebrush Roller (5-1); 3, Quiling (9-2). 7 ran.

8.50 1, Double Park (9-4 fav); 2, Top of The Wind (6-1); 3, Docklands Carriage (4-1). 6 ran.

9.20 1, Nereus (7-2); 2, Blatant Outburst (10-11 fav); 3, Amadour (4-1). 5 ran.

Warwick

6.35 1, Whatever's Right (8-1); 2, Aquado (3-1 fav); 3, Paddy's Rice (4-1). 9 ran.

7.05 1, Double Gold (3-1 fav); 2, Kaiser Kache (8-1); 3, Ivory Dawn (10-1). 11 ran.

7.35 1, Allstars Express (7-4 fav); 2, Infamous (9-4); 3, Spa Lane (7-2). 4 ran. NR: Major Dundee, Traceability.

8.05 1, Zeliba (7-2); 2, Marchman (9-4 jt-fav); 3, Dots Dee (9-4 jt-fav). 7 ran.

8.35 1, Divina Luna (Evens fav); 2, Artemexes (5-2); 3, Zelda Zonk (4-1). 4 ran.

9.05 1, Palacegate Touch (5-2); 2, Super Rocky (7-2); 3, Swan At Whalley (9-4 fav). 5 ran. NR: Chadwell Hall

☐ Wendyll Woods was banned for two days for using his whip with unreasonable frequency on Circus Star, successful at Nottingham on Saturday.

DETAILS FROM YESTERDAY'S RACE MEETINGS

Ayr

Going: good to firm

2.20 (7f) 1, EQUAL RIGHTS (R Havlin, 1-5 fav); 2, Happy Minstral (J Weaver, 9-2); 3, Hurgill Dancer (N Connorton, 33-1). 3 ran. 12l, 6l. P Chapple-Hyam at Manton. Tote: £1.20. DF: £1.10. CSF: £1.35.

2.50 (5f) 1, SUNDAY MAIL TOO (K Darley, 8-1); 2, Another Nightmare (T Williams, 14-1); 3, Pallium (J Weaver, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 2 fav Sunset Harbour (4th), 10 Gondo (6th), Tenor, 12 Double Glow, Kabcast, 14 Marjorie Rose, 66 Rankaidade (5th), Waverley Star. 11 ran. NR: Leading Princess. Hd, 2½l, ¾l, 1l, 1¼l. Miss L Perratt at Ayr. Tote: £6.50; £2.20, £5.70, £1.40. DF: £96.50. Trio: £207.20. CSF: £95.90. Tricast: £520.42. After a stewards' inquiry, the result stood. No bid.

3.20 (6f) 1, THWAAB (N Kennedy, 14-1); 2, Tiler (J Weaver, 12-1); 3, Cheeky Chappy (J Quinn, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 11-2 fav For The Present, 6 Amron, Barato, Garnock Valley (5th), Rich Glow (4th), 11 Mister Westsound, 12 Whittle Rock, 20 Colway Rake (6th), 25 French Grit. 12 ran. 1¼l, 1¾l, nk, 2½l, 3½l. F Watson at Sedgefield. Tote: £42.70; £8.90, £2.30, £2.20. DF: £41.40 Trio: £251.10. CSF: £158.96. Tricast: £1,123.16. After a stewards' inquiry, the result stood.

3.50 (1m 7f) 1, BERLIN BLUE (J Carroll, 100-30); 2, Orinoco River (R Havlin, 7-1); 3, Welsh Mill (G Lee, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Embryonic (4th), 4 Secret Service, 6 Midyan Blue (6th), 25 Rossel (5th). 7 ran. 1l, 1¾l, 1¾l, hd, 3½l. J Watts at Richmond. Tote: £3.90; £2.20, £3.40. DF: £13 70. CSF: £24.17.

4.20 (1m) 1, ELMI ELMAK (O Urbina, 11-10 fav); 2, Smooth Asset (R Havlin, 6-4); 3, Glen Garnock (J Fortune, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 33 Realms Of Glory, 50 Barbara's Jewel (6th), Lady Seren (4th), Shamokin (5th). 7 ran. 3½l, 10l, 5l, 3l, hd. L Cumani at Newmarket. Tote: £1.80; £1.10, £1.80. DF: £1.50. CSF: £2.93.

4.50 (7f) 1, MAGIC LAKE (S Drowne, 9-2); 2, Ya Marhaba (D Wright, 13-2); 3, Pathaze (J Fortune, 11-1). ALSO RAN: 100-30 fav Napoleon's Return, 4 Sunley Secure, 6 Ned's Contessa (4th), Oriole (6th), 12 Fancy Design (5th), 50 Aye Ready, 100 Vales Ales. 10 ran. 3l, 6l, 1l, sh hd, 1¾l. E Alston at Longton. Tote: £7.00; £2.40, £2.20, £2.40. DF: £24.90. Trio: £78.90. CSF: £32.90. Tricast: £232.58.

Jackpot: £28,322.60.

Placepot: £541.80. Quadpot: £245.30.

Yarmouth

Going: firm

2.00 (1m 3f 21yd) 1, SNOW FALCON (M Fenton, 100-30); 2, Another Quarter (W Woods, 15-8 fav); 3, Kuwam (J Stack, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 100-30 Cry Baby (5th), 14 Happy Venturer (6th), 25 Music In Motion, 33 Nanny-B (4th). 7 ran. 1¾l, 7l, 8l, 6l, 10l. M Bell at Newmarket. Tote: £4.10; £2.10, £1.70. DF: £3.20. CSF: £8.69. Bought in 6,500gns.

2.30 (6f 3yd) 1, ZUGUDI (M Rimmer, 8-1); 2, Admonish (P Bloomfield, 9-1); 3, Tautan Rookie (Pat Eddery, 1-7 fav). NR: Al Masroor. 2l, 8l. B Hanbury at Newmarket. Tote: £4 40 DF: £10.50. CSF: £31.80.

3.00 (1m 3yd) 1, SAIFAN (C Hodgson, 9-1); 2, Talathath (M Hills, 6-1); 3, Bubble Wings (W Woods, 5-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Aeroking (6th), 9-2 A-Aasem (4th), 13-2 Mister Woodstick, 12 Tissue Of Lies (5th). 7 ran. Hd, 1¾l, hd, 3l, 1½l. D Morris at Newmarket. Tote: £12.30; £4.20, £2.80. DF: £31.00 CSF: £55.15.

3.30 (7f 3yd) 1, MUHANDIS (R Hills, 13-2); 2, Melt The Clouds (G Hind, 4-1); 3, Cardan (T Quinn, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 6-4 fav Yamuna (4th), 14 With Care (5th), 25 Classic Dame (6th), 33 Square Mile Miss, 66 Enamel Tiger, Endaxi Sam. 9 ran. NR: North Cyclone. 1½l, ¾l, 2l, 5l, 1¼l. J Gosden at Newmarket. Tote: £10.70; £2.60, £1.80, £1 30. DF: £17.30. Trio: £11.00. CSF: £30.47.

4.00 (7f 3yd) 1, BLUE DUSTER (M J Kinane, 4-5 fav); 2, Unconditional Love (M Hills, 3-1); 3, Nanahan (D R McCabe, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Defined Feature (4th), 33 With The Tempo (5th). 5 ran. 1¾l, nk, 2l, 11l. D Loder at Newmarket. Tote: £1.50; £1.20, £1.30. DF: £2 10. CSF: £3 51.

4.30 (7f 3yd) 1, VERZEN (D R McCabe, 5-2); 2, Lasfee (R Hills, 2-1); 3, Tawaaded (B Doyle, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 6-4 fav Double Blue (4th). 4 ran. NR: Moments Of Fortune. 6l, 3½l, nk. D Loder at Newmarket. Tote: £4.20 DF: £5.20. CSF: £7.43.

5.00 (1m 3f 101yd) 1, KAAFIH HOMM (M J Kinane, 11-4); 2, Chatham Island (B Doyle, 15-8); 3, Canton Venture (W Woods, 6-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 10 Petoskin (4th). 4 ran. Sh hd, 3l, dist. N Callaghan at Newmarket. Tote: £3.20 DF: £3.20. CSF: £7.81.

Placepot: £708.90. Quadpot: £19.90.

Stratford

Going: good to firm

2.10 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Set-Em-Alight (I Lawrence, 8-1); 2, Minnesota Fats (8-1); 3, King Of Babylon (8-1). Stay Happy 9-4 fav. 9 ran. NR: Sian Wyn. 6l, 6l. B Smart. Tote: £11.80; £2.90, £1.80, £2.60. DF: £36.40. Trio: £48.10. CSF: £63.67. Tricast: £485.16. No bid.

2.40 (3m ch) 1, Slicky Money (C Maude, 7-1); 2, Hizal (33-1); 3, Wakt (6-1). Dino Malta 5-4 fav. 11 ran. 12l, 1¾l. M Pipe. Tote: £6.40; £1.60, £6.50, £1.50. DF: £220.3. Trio: £130.90. CSF: £156 84.

3.10 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Star Market (A P McCoy, 14-1); 2, Sarmatian (4-1); 3, Fiekridge (9-1). Rolfe 9-4 fav. 9 ran. 1l, 7l. J Spearing. Tote: £12.20; £2.90, £1.40, £2.40. DF: £27.20. Trio: £134.70. CSF: £65.94. Tricast: £497.44

3.40 (2m 4f ch) 1, Maple Dancer (R Greene, 14-1); 2, Andrelot (4-1); 3, Henley Regatta (12-1). Saskia's Hero 2-1 fav. 10 ran. NR: Forest Feather. 3l, 4l. F Jordan. Tote: £16.80; £2.70, £2.20, £2.90. DF: £27.50. Trio: £48.90. CSF: £66.29. Tricast: £648.58

4.10 (2m 6f 110yd hdle) 1, Sigma Wireless (S Wynne, Evens fav); 2, Dancing Al Laham (6-5); 3, Chaps (25-1). 4 ran. NR: Elheristo. 9l, 2l. T Forster. Tote: £1.80. DF: £1.10 CSF: £2.44.

4.40 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Denomination (C Maude, 2-1 jt-fav); 2, Zahid (2-1 jt-fav); 3, Desert Challenger (9-1). 8 ran. 4l, 4l. M Pipe. Tote: £2.90; £1.30, £1.30, £2.00. DF: £2.90 CSF: £6.46. Tricast: £24.44

Placepot: £190.80. Quadpot: £11.80.

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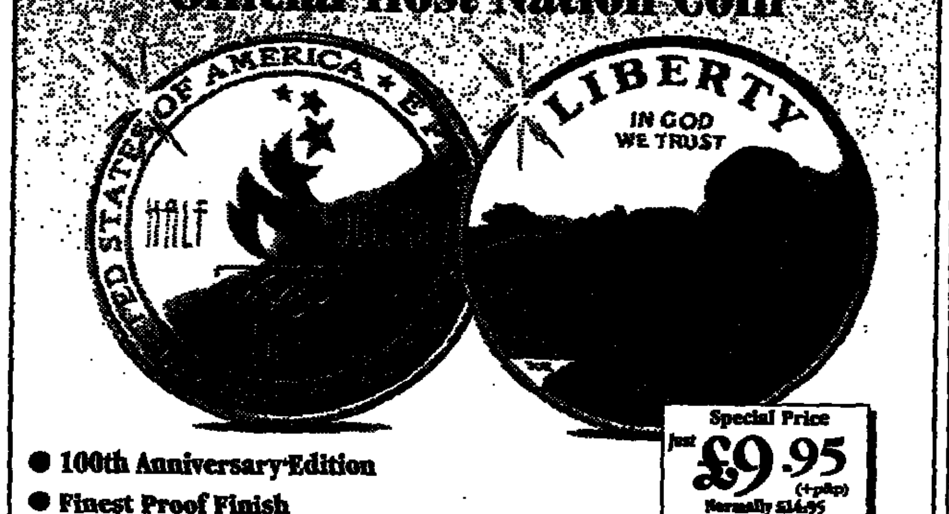

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AUSTRALIAN RULES

MELBOURNE: Australian League (AFL): W Coast Eagles 12 10 (82) Fremantle 7 6 (48); Collingwood 17 14 (116) Fitzroy 10 16 (76); Sydney 5 16 14 (110) Adelaide 12 16 (88); Hawthorn 15 9 (99) Carlton ... (91); Essendon 15 18 (108) Richmond 13 10 (88); Brisbane 4 13 (...) Footscray 3 4 (22); Geelong 13 10 (88) ... 4 6 (30); Melbourne 17 16 (118) St Kilda 4 5 (29).

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Friday: Florida 11 Philadelphia 2; Pittsburgh 3 Cincinnati 11; New York 4 Montreal 5; Houston 7 Atlanta 6; San Diego 4 Colorado 3; San Francisco 5 Los Angeles 4; St Louis 9 Chicago 1. Saturday: St Louis 6 Chicago 3; San Francisco 7 Los Angeles 6; New York 4 Montreal 1; Pittsburgh 3 Cincinnati 9; Florida 2 Philadelphia 4; Houston 2 Atlanta 1; San Diego 4 Colorado 5.

East division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	60	36	.625	—
Montreal	52	44	.542	8
New York	47	50	.485	13½
Florida	47	50	.485	13½
Philadelphia	40	56	.417	20
Central division				
St Louis	53	44	.546	—
Houston	51	48	.515	3
Cincinnati	44	48	.478	6½
Chicago	45	51	.469	7½
Pittsburgh	42	54	.438	10½
West division				
San Diego	52	47	.525	—
Colorado	50	46	.521	½
Los angeles	51	48	.515	1
San Francisco	42	54	.438	8½

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Friday: Boston 13 Baltimore 2; Cleveland 2 Minnesota 3; Toronto 6 Detroit 8; Chicago 4 Kansas City 7 (in 10 innings); Milwaukee 7 New York 5; Texas 6 Oakland 9; California 9 Seattle 4. Saturday: Boston 2 Baltimore 0; Cleveland 6 Minnesota 5 (in 11 innings); Toronto 4 Detroit 5 (in 10 innings); Milwaukee 2 New York 4; Chicago 5 Kansas City 7; Texas 8 Oakland 4; California 5 Seattle 4.

East division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	58	37	.611	—
Baltimore	49	46	.516	9
Boston	44	51	.463	14
Toronto	43	54	.443	16
Detroit	30	62	.306	29½
Central division				
Cleveland	58	39	.598	—
Chicago	54	42	.557	4
Milwaukee	48	48	.500	9½
Minnesota	45	51	.469	12½
Kansas City	44	54	.449	14½
West division				
Texas	56	41	.577	—
Seattle	51	44	.537	4
Oakland	49	49	.500	7½
California	47	51	.450	9½

BOWLS

HOME COUNTIES LEAGUE: Oxon 139 Berkshire 91; Surrey 142 Kent 96; Sussex 114 Middlesex 127.

SUFFOLK COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Final: A Barnes (Marlborough) 21 A Mulku (Southwold) 19. Under-25 singles: C Page ... bt ... Champion of champions: J Fednall bt M Royal 21-11. Pairs: M Todd and P Norman (Beccles) 25 R Cunningham and D Brown (St Botolphs) 23. Triples: Marlborough (Captain A White) 17 Cornard (Cpt P Cricci) 16. Fours: Felixstowe and Suffolk (Cpt C Long) 24 Wickham (Cpt P Haylock) ... Two Singles: Final: A Price (Cornard Cross) 21 K Hawes (Ipswich) 11.

BOXING

PRETORIA: World Boxing Union super-featherweight championship (12rnds): Angel Manfredy (US, holder) bt Mtobeli Mhlope (SA) ko 5th.

OSAKA: World Boxing Council super-bantamweight championship (12rnds): Daniel Zaragoza (Mex, holder) bt Tsuyoshi Harada (Japan) rsc 7th.

CRICKET

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Brondby: Final: Holland 223-9; Ireland 225-7 (J Benson 79, D Curry 55). Ireland beat Holland by seven wickets. Glostrup: Third-place play-off: England NCA 97 (S Kilgaard 4-16); Denmark 99-4. Denmark beat England NCA by six wickets. Ringsted: Fifth-place play-off: Gibraltar 72; Scotland 76-1 (B Patterson 52 not out). Scotland beat Gibraltar by nine wickets. Koege: Seventh-place play-off: Israel 97 (S de Mel 4-22); Italy 98-3. Italy beat Israel by seven wickets.

CYCLING

TIME-TRIALS. RTTC time trial series (fourth round, Duxford, Cambridgeshire, 50mi): 1, P Prebble (Wembley RC) 1hr 9min 5sec; 2, P Manning (N Wirral Velo) 1:09 15; 3, S Dangerfield (Parker International RT) 1 11 38. Women (20mi): M Johnson (Oundle Velo) 54 19. Juniors 20 miles: D Williams (VC Deal) 50 03. Mid-Devon CC (Exeter, 100mi): 1, A Ryder (St Budeaux CC) 3.51 53 (course and event record), 2, A Winterbottom (Wellington Wheelers) 3 58 05. 3, K Ross (Plymouth Corinthian CC) 4:03.57. South West London Combine (Didcot, 50m): 1, G Dighton (Leo RC) 1:39:40 (course and event record). 2, C Brook (VC Camelot) 1 40:51; 3, I Cammish (Velo Vento) 1 41:00. Team: Hounslow and District Wheelers 5 23:59. Women: J Denham (Twickenham CC) 1 49.31 (British record). Yorkshire CF (Dishforth, 50m): 1, G Butler (Norwood Paragon) 1:43 40; 2, A Wilkinson (Port Sunlight Wheelers) 1 44 44. 3, C Miller (Cleveleys RC) 1 47.36. Team: Scarborough Paragon 5 39 09. Bognor Regis CC (50m): 1, R Hornur (Fareham Wheelers) 1 51:02 (event record). 2, B Edwards (Rother Valley CC) 1:51:56; 3, J Pegg (Charlotteville CC) 1:55:00. Team: Fareham Wheelers 5:59:15. South Staffs CA (Gailey, 50m): 1, N Poort (Walsall RCC) 1:54:20; 2, P Lilley (Tamworth RCC) 1:54:29. 3, D Birch (Stourbridge CC) 1:56.22. Team: Walsall RCC 5.57:58. De Laune CC (Crawley, 25m): 1, S Yates (Motorola) 48 48 (course and event record). 2, T Stevens (Team 2000) 53 07. 3, K Andrewartha (Metropolitan Police CC) 55 09. Team: De Laune CC 2:46.27. Mansfield RC (25m): 1, C Alcock (Mansfield RC) 51:31; 2, M Bottrill (Coalville Wheelers) 52:22; 3, P Spencer (Long Eaton CC) 52:53. Team: Mansfield RC 2:42:04. Wolsey RC (Suffolk, 25m): 1, G Empson (King's Lynn CC) 52:29; 2, A Horner (VC Camelot) 52:43, 3, D Gill (Diss and District CC) 53:49. Team: CC Breckland 2.48:22. Cramlington CC (Seaton Burn, Tyne and Wear, 25m): 1, H Walker (GS Metro) 52:40; 2, B Walker (GS Metro) 54:59; 3, C Bush (Middridge CRT) 56:51. Derby Mercury RC (25m): 1, W Moore (Leo RC) 52:46, 2, D Willotts (CC Giro) 52:53; 3, M Purshouse (Warwickshire RC) 53:01. Team: Coalville Wheelers 2:46:14. Cleveland Wheelers (Crathorne, North Yorkshire, 25m): 1, P Widsmith (Middridge CRT) 52:32; 2, R Newman (Optimum Performance RT) 53:34; 3, C Hawkby (Bradford Olympic RC) 53 42. Team: Cleveland Wheelers 2 49.29. Hertfordshire Wheelers (women, 25m): 1, M Johnson (Oundle Velo) 54 18 (event record); 2, L Lamont (VC Meudon) 54:37; 3, C Gandy (San Fairy Ann CC) 55:30. Team: Oundle Velo (two riders) 1:53:48. Bournemouth Jubilee Wheelers (25m): A Green (New Forest CC) 54:31; 2, E Adkins (Leo RC) 55 08; 3, P Jarvis (Bournemouth Jubilee Wh) 57 19. Team: Bournemouth Jubilee Wh 2:54.36. Bromsgrove Olympique CC (25m): 1, S Harradine (Gloucester City CC) 55.30, 2, R Minow (Warwickshire RC) 57:06; 2, B Boswell (VC Sovalo) 57 25. Southborough and District Wheelers (Brenzett, Kent, 25m): 1, L Martin (San Fairy Ann CC) 55 32; 2, D Williams (VC Deal) 56:25. 3, M Miles (West Kent RC) 56 57. Team: VC Deal 2:54:31. Warrington RC (25m): 1, N Giles (Radford Accountants) 56:00, 2, I Ball (Team Venom) 57 08; 3, S Hankey (Warrington RC) 57 18. Team: Warrington RC 2 57 24. Plomesgate CC (Woodbridge, Suffolk, 25m): 1, A Barbus (VC Norwich) 58.36; 2, G Taylor (Leo RC) 58:56. 3 A Nowak (CC Breckland) 1 00 29. Team: VC Norwich 3:04 50. Clachnacuddin CC (Ross-shire, 25m): 1, M Skene (GS Corsa) 59:23; 2, G Bruce (Cromarty Firth CC) 59.58; 3, A Pine (Moray Firth CC) 1 00 30. Severn RC (Bristol, 10m): 1, A Sharpe (Bio RT) 22 20. 2, A Strickland (Cornium CC) 22:30. 3 N Montanc (RAF CC) 22.35. Team: Chippenham and District CC 1:12:25.

ROAD RACES: Trinity Trophy (Woodbury near Exeter, 65m): 1, M Watch (Wellington Wheelers) 2:48:45. 2, R Lyne (Western RC) at 20sec; 3, R Taylor (St Budeaux CC) same time. David Bell Memorial (Ayr, 66m): 1, D Wilson (Optimum Performance RT) 2 42.47. 2, G Herd (City of Edinburgh RC) at 2:06; 3, G Brown (VC Azlan) same time. Velo Club Cumbria (Moresby Parks, 56m): 1, S Bray (Team Energy) 2:24 21, 2, M Andrew (Team Orange) at 39sec, 3, M Taylor (Cleveleys RC) same time. Hemel Hempstead CC (Stewkley, Buckinghamshire, 56m): 1, S Gamble (Achield RC) 2:08:00 2, J Fabrizio (Wellington Wheelers) same time. 3, J Jones (JPM Racing) at 2sec. Scottish women's championship (North Berwick, 35m): 1, W Thornton (GS Corsa) 1.34:19; 2, K Wylie (Team Caledonia), 3, S Twelves (Leicestershire RC) all same time.

FOOTBALL

INTERTOTO CUP: Group one: Standard Liege (Bel) 1 Aalborg (Den) 0, Hafn (Ice) 0 Stuttgart (Ger) 4. Group two: Djurgaarden IF (Swe) 5 Tofta Itrottarlag (Faeroe Islands) 1; Werder Bremen (Ger) 1 Linzer (Austria) 3. Group three: Austria Memphis (Austria) 2 Orebro (Swe) 3; Keflavik (Ice) 1 FC Koebenhavn (Den) 2. Group four: SV Ried (Austria) 1 Charleroi (Bel) 3; Silkeborg (Den) 4 Conwy United (Wales) 0. Group five: Lillestroem (Nor) 2 Nantes (Fr) 3; Heerenveen (Holl) 3 Kaunas (Lith) 1. Group six: Rennes (Fr) 1 Orgryte (Swe) 1. Luzern (Switz) 0 Segesta Sisak (Cro) 1. Group seven: Shakhter Donetsk (Ukr) 1 Antalyaspor (Tur) 0; Rotor Volgograd (Russ) 3 Basel (Switz) 2. Group eight: LKS Lodz (Pol) 0 Kaucuk Opava (Cz) 3, Munich 1860 (Ger) 0 Kamaz Chelly (Russ) 1. Group nine: Daugava (Lat) 1 Karlsruhe (Ger) 2. Cukaricki (Yug) 1 Craiova (Rom) 2. Group ten: Lierse (Bel) 2 FC Groningen (Holl) 1; Gaziantepspor (Tur) 0 Narva Trans (Est) 0. Group 11: CSKA Sofia (Bul) 0 Strasbourg (Fr) 0, Ouralmash (Russ) 2 Kocaelispor (Tur) 0. Group 12: Guingamp (Fr) 1 Zemun (Yugo) 0. Dynamo Bucharest (Rom) 2 K Poli (Geo) 0.

PRE-SEASON MATCHES: Cork City 1 Manchester City 3; Macclesfield 6 Chester 2; Bishop Auckland 0 Halifax 0; Shamrock 1 Hearts 1.

GOLF

MADISON, Mississippi: Deposit Guaranty Classic: Leading third-round scores (US unless stated): 200: G Kraft 68, 66, 66. 201: W Wood 68, 67, 66; D Edwards 68, 67, 66; T Tryba 66, 68, 67; B Wadkins 65, 68, 68. 203: N Lancaster 70, 67, 66. 204: P Blackmar 70 68 66; S Cink 70, 66, 68; M Sullivan 65, 70, 69; K Clearwater 71, 61, 72. 205: D Toms 68, 69, 68; R Freeman 72, 65, 68; S Jurgensen 68, 68, 69; H Sasaki (Japan) 66, 69, 70; J Adams 67, 67, 71.

COON RAPIDS, Minnesota: Burnet Senior Classic: Leading second-round scores (US unless stated): 136: J Dent 68, 68; V Fernandez 69, 68; A Geiberger 69, 68; T Wargo 68, 69; J C Snead 66, 71. 138: J Colbert 73, 65; H Irwin 69, 69; B Crampton 69, 69; L Gilbert 68, 70. 139: J Schroeder 69, 70; D Stockton 69, 70; J Jacobs 69, 70; J Powell 65, 74. 140: B Wynn 74, 66; J Albus 72, 68; F Conner 71, 69; J Sigel 70, 70; S Venuto 70, 70; R Charles 70, 70. 141: J Kiefer 72, 69; S Hobday (SA) 71, 70; L Laoretti 71, 70; B E Smith 71, 70; D Weaver 71, 70; T Dill 69, 72; J Bland 69, 72.

MOTORCYCLING

DONINGTON PARK: British Grand Prix: 500cc (30 laps, 75 miles): 1, M Doohan (Aus, Honda) 47min 11 135sec; 2, A Criville (Sp, Honda) 47.14 454, 3, N Abe (Japan, Yamaha) 47.20.770; 4, T Okada (Japan, Honda) 47 20 916. 5, S Russell (US, Suzuki) 47 21 546. 6, L Capirossi (It, Yamaha) 47.35.960, 13, J Haydon (GB, ROC Yamaha) 48.33.380; 16, C Walker (GB, Elf) 47 13.820, 17, E McManus (GB, Yamaha) 48.33 757. Fastest lap: Russell 1 33 574 (96.176mph). World championship positions: 1, Doohan 191pts, 2, Criville 129, 3, L Cadalora (It, Honda) 113; 4, A Barros (Br, Honda) 100; 5, Abe 94; 6, Russell 86.

250cc (27 laps, 67.5miles): 1, M Biaggi (It, Aprilia) 43 04.272, 2, R Waldmann (Ger, Honda) 43 08 909; 3, O Jacque (Fr, Honda) 43 19 326, 4, J Fuchs (Ger, Honda) 43 33 668. 5, T Ukawa (Japan, Honda) 43 42.996, 6, T Tsujimura (Japan, Honda) 43.45.322; 16 S Smart (GB, Honda) 44 34 509; 17 S Sawford (GB, Aprilia) at 1 lap. Fastest lap: 1, Biaggi 1:34 968 (94 76mph). World championship positions: 1, Biaggi 199pts 2, Waldmann 146; 3, T Harada (Japan, Yamaha) 97 4, Fuchs 96 5, Jacque 92.

125cc (26 laps, 65 miles): 1, S Perugini (It, Aprilia) 43min 41 678sec 2, M Tokudome (Japan, Aprilia) 43 44 331. 3, T Manako (Japan, Honda), 43 45 3.. 4, J Martinez (Sp, Aprilia) 43 57 238. 5, K Sakata (Japan, Aprilia) 43 59 254. 6, N Ueda (Japan, Honda) 44 00 475. 13, D Barton (GB, Aprilia) 44:23.130. 22, C Palmer (GB, Honda) 23, R Appleyard (GB, Honda) 24, P Jennings (GB, Honda) at 1 lap. Fastest lap: Tokudome 1 39 704 (90.26mph). World championship positions: 1, H Aoki (Japan, Honda) 154pts 2 Tokudome 120, 3, Perugini 119, 4, Manako 101, 5, E Alzamora (Sp, Honda) 94.

POLO

COWDRAY PARK: Veuve Cliquot Gold Cup: C S Brooks 14 Ellerston White 13.

RIFLE SHOOTING

BISLEY: Imperial Meeting: King George V Cup (English county championship): 1, Surrey 1,186 155pts 2, Herts 1,177 144, 3, Devon 1,157 152. Cadet National Trophy: 1, England 794.80 (T Lewis 102 11); 2, Channel Islands 793 85, 3, Scotland 769 59. Century Trophy (500 and 600 yds): 1, W/Cdr C Hockley (RAF) 199 17:25 3, 2, D Dodds (Rand RC) 199 17:22.5, 3, A Gommil (W Suffolk) 100 17:22 1. Admiral Hutton Trophy (900 yds): Equal 1, J Sansley (Aus), Lt F Elliot (RN) and A Marion (Canada) 50 9. Daily Telegraph Cup: Equal 1, S Thomas (Central Bankers), J Colquhoun (Athelings) and R Coventry (Manchester) 50 10 (tie-shoot monday). Conan Doyle Statuette (1,000 yds): Equal 1, J Underwood (C Guildfordians), A Barnes (Bedfordians) and D Daves (Lloyds Bank) 50 7. Saturday aggregate: 1, J Bellringer (O Epsomians) 149 19 2, Underwood 148.24; 3, Thomas 148.22. Tucker aggregate: 1, A Marion (Canada) 247.35, 2, P Kent (O Epsomians) 246 34; 3, Thomas 246 30. Daily Mail Cup: Equal 1, J Warburton (Huddersfield), P Weston (Kidderminster) and R Comins (Huddersfield) 50 10. Scott Cup (Pistol Centre Fire): 1, P Leatherdale 291, 2, P Cutts 287, 3, R Duckworth 285.

ROWING

NOTTINGHAM: National rowing championships: Men: Eights: 1, London NCRA 2, UL, 3, Oxford Brookes. Coxed Fours: 1, NCRA; 2, Oxford Brookes; 3 Staines. Coxless Fours: 1, NCRA 2 Nottingham BC 'A' Crew 3, Nottingham BC 'B'. Coxless Pairs: 1, Imperial College/Queen's Tower, 2 Cambridge 99; 3 Molesey. Coxed Pairs: 1, Oxford University/UL 2 Molesey 3, Goldie. Quad Sculls: 1, London/UL/Walton, 2, NCRA, 3 TSS. Double Sculls: 1, Hexham/Glasgow 2 NCRA 3, Kingston 'B'. Single Sculls: 1 Rob Roy (Goodbrand), 2 TSS (Wake), 3 Queen's Tower (Kettle). Under-23 Single Sculls: 1, Worcester (Beard) 2, TSS 'B' (El-Shibiny), 3 Christchurch (King). Lightweight Eights: 1, London/NCRA, 2, London, 3, Staines. Coxless Fours: 1, TTPC; 2, Clydo/Strathclyde no third. Coxless Pairs: 1, London; 2 Oxford Brookes 3 Stourport. Quad Sculls: 1 London/UL/Walton 2, London/Marlow Worcester, 3, Maidenhead. Double Sculls: 1 Marlow Worcester, 2 Kingston, 3 Peterborough. Single Sculls: 1, TSS (Male), 2, Walton (McKenzie), 3, Clydesdale (Kelly). Women: Eights: 1, Bedford/Kingston/Staines/UL/TTRC, 2, Marlow, 3, Thames. Coxed Fours: 1 UL 2, Bedford/Notts and Union; 3, Kingston. Coxless Fours: 1, Bedford/Kingston/Staines/UL; 2, Thames, 3, Upper Thames. Coxless Pairs: 1, Kingston/Thames; 2 Bedford; 3 Wallingford. Quad Sculls: 1 TSS 2 Derby/NCRA 3 Sheffield/Grosvenor/Rob Roy. Double Sculls: 1, Henley/TSS 2 Marlow 3, UL. Single Sculls: 1, Thames (Kinmouth) 2, Cambridge University (Winkless); 3, Rob Roy (Springman). Lightweight: Coxless Fours: 1, Thames, 2 Agecroft, 3, Staines 'A'. Coxless Pairs: 1 Bedford/Thames, 2 Thames 3, Leicester. Quad Sculls: 1, Kingston; 2, Thames/TSS 3, Notts and Union/Notts BC. Double Sculls: 1, Loughborough/Notts and Union, 2, Kingston; 3, Stourport. Single Sculls: 1, TTRC (Smith), 2, Maidenhead (Hope), 3, St Neots (Pritchard). Juniors. Men: Eights: 1, Bedford School, 2, Abingdon School, 3, Monmouth Comprehensive. Coxed Fours: 1, George Heriot's/Nithsdale, 2, Kingston Grammar School, 3, St Leonards School. Coxless Fours: 1, Westminster School, 2, St Leonards School; 3, Bedford School. Coxless Pairs: 1 Kingston Grammar School 'A' 2 Monmouth School; 3, Pangbourne College. Quad Sculls: 1, Sir William Borlase, 2, Lancaster; 3, Wycliffe College. Double Sculls: 1, Durham/Star; 2, Staines. 3 Halford/Kings Rochester. Single Sculls: 1, Queen Elizabeth High School (Wells) 2, Star 'A' (Taylor), 3, St Edwards School (Bird). Women: Eights: 1, Haberdashers Monmouth 2, Scottish Composite, 3 Kingston Grammar School. Coxed Fours: 1, St Leonards School; 2, Haberdashers Monmouth; 3, Henley. Coxless Pairs: 1, St Leonards School, 2, Kingston Grammar School, 3, Haberdashers Monmouth. Quad Sculls: 1, Henley/Queens Park High School 2 Marlow 'A', 3, Henley. Double Sculls: 1, Henley/Rob Roy 2, Norwich, 3, Worcester. Single Sculls: 1, TSS (Redmond), 2, Rob Roy (Digby); 3, Queens Park High School (Saunders).

SAILING

PRUDENTIAL GRAND PRIX (18-Foot Skiffs): Final placings after four events: 1, R Brown (Prudential) 75pts, 2, L Smith (The Times) 52pts 3 M Walsh (Ella Bache) 44pts, 4, E Lasch (Xerox) 43pts, 5, T Robinson (DBS Financial Management) 41pts, 6, D Witt (Jacob's Creek) 39pts, 7, M Larson (Oracle) 34pts; 8, W Rooklyn (MSC) 27pts, M Meehan (Country Comfort) 26pts.

SPEEDWAY

PREMIER LEAGUE: Bradford 46 London 50, Coventry 62 Scottish Monarchs 34, Eastbourne 51 Peterborough 45, Swindon 56 Ipswich 39.
CONFERENCE LEAGUE: Mildenhall 52 Sittingbourne 25.

SQUASH

CAIRO: World junior men's championship: Final: A Fouzy (Egypt) bt S Boswell (Aus) 9-6, 3-9, 9-7, 9-6.

TENNIS

STUTTGART: Men's tournament: Semi-finals: T Muster (Austria) bt A Berasategui (Sp) 6-3, 6-3, Y Kafelnikov (Russ) bt A Corretja (Sp) 6-3, 7-6. Final: Muster bt Kafelnikov 6-2, 6-2, 6-4.

WASHINGTON: Men's classic tournament: Semi-finals: W Ferreira (SA) bt R Furlan (It) 6-3, 6-7, 6-3; M Chang (US) bt K Carlsen (Den) 6-3, 6-4.

DIDSBURY: Men's challenger: Singles: Semi-finals: F Wibier (Holl) bt P Tramacchi (Aus) 7-6, 7-6; B Ellwood (Aus) bt M Petchey (GB) 6-2, 6-3. Final: Ellwood bt Wibier 6-4, 6-4. Doubles: Final: M Mirnyi (Belo) and L Mor (Isr) bt D Norman (Bel) and Wibier 7-5 7-6.

PALERMO: Women's tournament: Semi-final: S Hack (Ger) bt S Farina (It) 6-0 6-1, B Schett (Austria) bt J Kandarr (Ger) 6-1, 3-6, 6-2. Final: Schett bt Hack 6-3, 6-3.

FRINTON: LTA Reebok tour: Finals: Singles: Men: J Fox (Lincs) bt M Wyeth (Surrey) 6-2, 6-1. Women: N Egorova (Russia) bt T Samara (US) 6-7, 7-5, 6-3. Doubles: Men: G Saffery (Berks) and Wyeth bt N Baglin (Cheshire) and S Jackson (Cheshire) 6-4, 6-1. Women: S Lutter (Austria) and M Wagner (Ger) bt C Hammond (Essex) and S Jackson (Cheshire) 6-1, 5-7, 6-1. Mixed: G Sutter (US) and Samara bt D Ireland (Leics) and F Hearn (Middlesex) 6-2, 6-2.

MAHWAH, New Jersey: Women's tournament: Semi-finals: A Frazier (US) bt A Huber (Ger) 7-5, 6-7, 6-4, M Maleeva (Bul) bt J Chi (US) 6-2, 6-2.

ATHLETICS

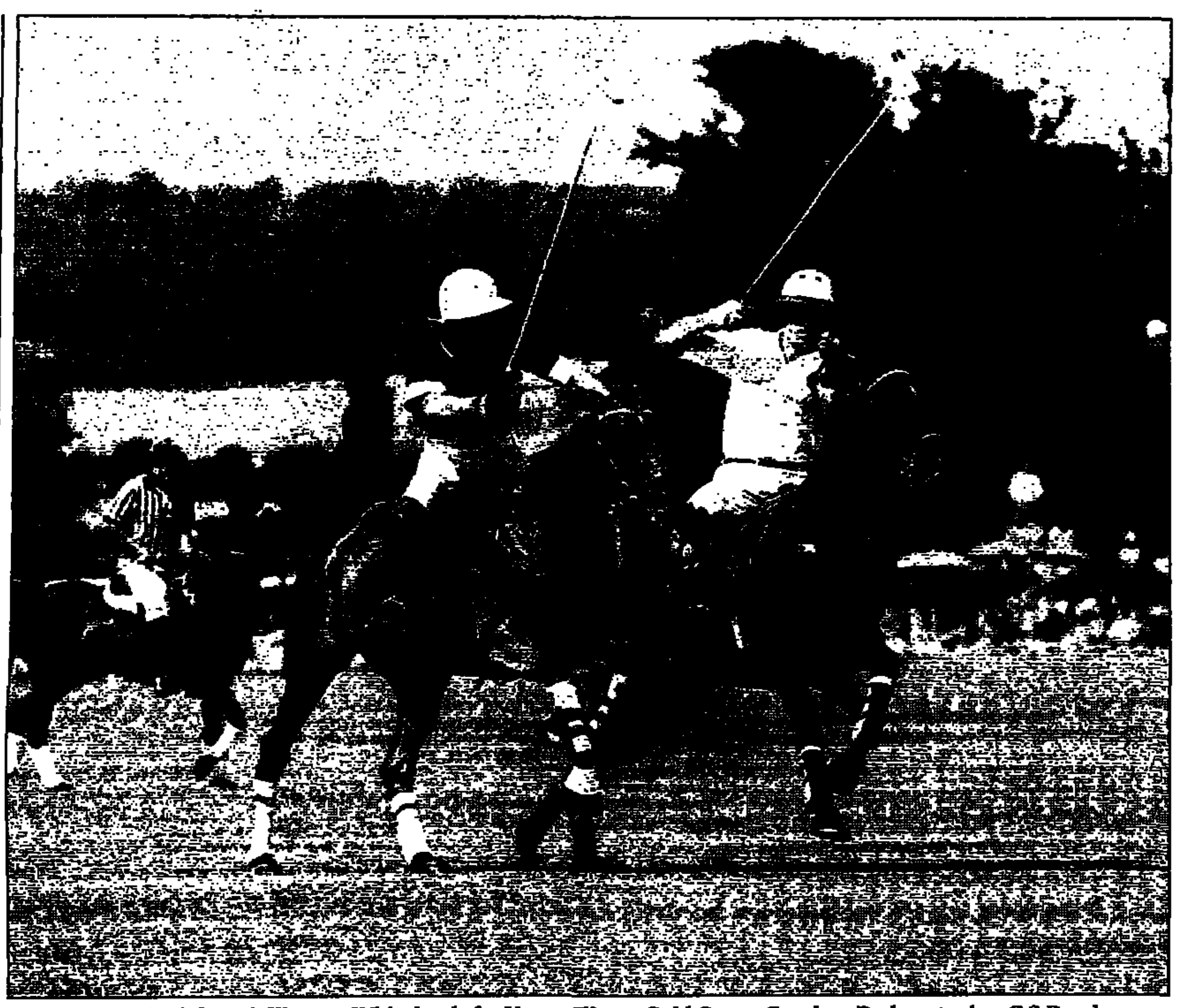
BIRMINGHAM: Inter-Regional match: Men. 100m A: 1, D Chambers (South) 10 75sec, 2, D Money (North) 10 87; 3, B Ghent (Midlands) 10 95. B: D Joyce (South) 10.84. 200m A: 1, J Golding (South) 20 81, 2, C Henry (Midlands) 21 34 3 J Deacon (North) 21 65. 400m A: 1, D McKenzie (South) 46.28; 2, G Bullock (North) 46 55, 3, B Knowles (Midlands) 47 48. B: T O Dell (South) 46 79. 800m A: 1, R Waters (North) 1min 50 64sec; 2, E Williams (South) 1 50 88; 3, N Edwards (Midlands) 1:51 67. 1,500m A: 1, I Grime (North) 3.46 49, 2, R Scanlon (Midlands) 3:47 10. 3, M Skelton (South) 3:47 80. B: D Spawforth (North) 3:49 02. 3,000m A: 1, D Burrows (Midlands) 8:09 86; 2, R Findlow (North) 8:11 59, 3, S Barden (South) 8:12 55. B: G Staines (South) 8:13.21. 3,000m steeplechase A: 1, A Green (South) 8 53 99; 2, R Plant (Midlands) 8:58.79, 3, M Jubb (North) 9:05 97. B: S Newport (South) 8:54.78. 110m hurdles A: 1, M Stern (South) 14 51sec, 2, S McAree (North) 14 58; 3, G Dunson (Midlands) 14 99. B: M Nicholson (North) 14.88. 400m hurdles A: 1, P Hibbert (Midlands) 51 09, 2, A Borsumato (North) 51.47, 3, M Lethbridge (South) 54.08. B: C Rawlinson (North) 53 79. 4 x 100m relay: 1, South 40 89sec; 2, Midlands 40 93; 3, North 41 97. 4 x 400m relay: 1, South 3min 12 81sec, 2, North 3:13 58, 3, Midlands 3.16.66. High jump A: 1, B Challenger (Midlands) 2.20m, 2, I Holliday (North) 2.05, 3, S Ohrland (South) 2.00. B: C Bent (Midlands) 2.10. Pole vault A: 1, P Williamson (North) 5.20m; 2, M Barber (Midlands) 5 20; 3, K Hughes (South) 5 00. B: M Grant (South) 4 90. Long jump A: 1, S Phillips (Midlands) 7.79m, 2, I Simpson (North) 6 87. B: J Flynn (Midlands) 7 44. Triple jump A: 1, J Leaver (South) 14.92m, 2, J Hilton (North) 14 74; 3, D Hulme (Midlands) 14 36. B: K Ible (South) 14 70. Shot A: 1, D Callaway (South) 15 65m; 2, R Russell (North) 15.35; 3, M Fox (Midlands) 14 18. B: C Rogers (Midlands) 13 14. Discus A: 1, K Brown (Midlands) 55 82m; 2, N Thompson (South) 52 84; 3, R Russell (North) 51 10. B: G Herrington (Midlands) 53 66. Hammer A: 1, P Head (South) 68 18, 2, S Peacock (North) 65.72, 3, J Pearson (Midlands) 65 26. B: S Pearson (Midlands) 63 54. Javelin A: 1, M Roberson (South) 76 76m, 2, J Hurlon (Midlands) 62 86; 3, D Johnson (North) 68 92. B: M Pinner (Midlands) 56 50. 3km walk A: 1, A Penn (Midlands) 12 38 70; 2, R Oldale (North) 12 43.33, 3, A Goudie (South) 14:17 44. B: M Young (Midlands) 13 03.71. Match result: 1, South 140pts, 2, Midlands 133, 3, North 132. Women: 100m A: 1, B Kinch (South) 11 84sec. 2, J Whitlock (North) 11 98, 3, Z Wilson (Midlands) 12 14. B: C Bloomfield (South) 11 98. 200m A: 1, S Rawlinson (North) 24 46; 2, J Maduaka (South) 24 85, 3, Wilson 25 03. B: L Whitehead (North) 25 02. 400m A: 1, L Staines (South) 53 47, 2, M Thomas (Midlands) 55 39, 3, J Forrester (North) 56.40. B: T Taylor (Midlands) 55 76. 800m A: 1, M Faherty (North) 2min 7.32sec, 2, A Davies (South) 2:07 58, 3, C Raven (Midlands) 2:09 20. B: S Parker (North) 2:07 72. 1,500m A: 1, D Gunning (South) 4:21 28, 2, H Pattinson (North) 4:21 79, 3, R Makepeace (Midlands) 4:27 31. B: S King (North) 4:21 85. 3,000m A: 1, A Whitcombe (South) 9:25 41, 2, A Parkinson (North) 9 36.11, 3, S Green (Midlands) 10:08 88. B: L Watson (South) 9.30 30. 100m hurdles A: 1, M Wilkins (South) 13 63sec, 2, C Court (Midlands) 13 65, 3, D Bolton (North) 13 98. B: K Maddox (Midlands) 13 87. 400m hurdles A: 1, V Rhodes (North) 59 90; 2, C Amede (South) 61 74; 3, J Stowe (Midlands) 62 97. B: K Jones (North) 61 19. 4 x 100m relay: 1, North 46 31sec, 2, Midlands 46 38, 3, South 46 41. 4 x 400m relay: 1, South 3min 43 56sec, 2, Midlands 3:47.20; 3, North 3 51 78. High jump A: 1, J Jennings (North) 1 83m; 2, D Mikneviciute (South) 1.83, 3, K Jury (Midlands) 1 80. B: S Jones (North) 1 80. Pole vault A: 1, Whitlock 3 75m, 2, R Clarke (South) 3 65, 3, E Hornby (Midlands) 3 45. B: P Wilson (Midlands) 3 15. Long jump A: 1, J Wise (Midlands) 6 39m, 2, V Schofield (North) 6 11, 3, C Stead (South) 5 71. B: A Brooks (North) 6.08. Triple jump A: 1, C Henry (South) 12 49, 2, K Evans (Midlands) 12.40, 3, K Brow (North) 10 96. B: D Rowe (Midlands) 12 32. Shot A: 1, V Foster (South) 15.52m, 2, N Gautier (North) 13 10; 3, F Champion (Midlands) 12 14. B: D Callaway (South) 13 05. Discus A: 1, S Drew (South) 54 86m, 2, N Talbot (Midlands) 48 72, 3, D Williams (North) 43 72. B: Callaway 50 60. Hammer A: 1, L Sprules (South) 56 58m, 2, A Gardner (Midlands) 48 66, 3, R Beverley (North) 46 06. B: M Semenova (North) 44 80. Javelin A: 1, S Gibson (Midlands) 51 68m; 2, N Bradshaw (South) 47.46 3, L Stevenson (North) 47 38. B. W Newman (South) 44 66. 3km walk A: 1, S Black (Midlands) 14:23 50; 2, K Kneale (North) 14 23.55, 3, D Wallen (South) 15:09 13. B: F Horwill (Midlands) 14:46 10. Match result: 1, South 133; 2, North 128; 3, Midlands 122.

STOKE-ON-TRENT: TSB Home Schools International: Boys 100m: 1, L Davis (Eng) 10 7sec (equalled meeting record); 2, K Stewart (Scot) 10 8, 3, C Carson (Scot) 11 0. 200m: 1, C Carson (Scot) 22 1, 2, M Russell (Eng) 22 4; 3, B Lewis (Eng) 22 4. 400m: 1, D Naismith (Eng) 48.3; 2, R McNabb (Eng) 48 7, 3, L Farmer (Wales) 50.5. 800m: 1, D Murphy (Ire) 1min 54.4sec, 2, S Eyre (Eng) 1:55.9, 3 D St George (Eng) 1.56.1. 1,500m: 1, S Boden (Eng) 4:04.0; 2, S Lees (Eng) 4 04 9; 3, E Johnson (Ire) 4:05 6. 3,000m: 1, D Galvin (Ire) 8.42.4; 2, T Stewart (Eng) 8 43.9; 3, O Laws (Eng) 8 43.9. 1,500m steeplechase: 1, A Murphy (Eng) 4.24.7; 2, T Kingsnorth (Eng) 4:25 5; 3, I Murdoch (Scot) 4:25 6. 100m hurdles: 1, D O'Leary (Eng) 13 9sec; 2, T Carr (Eng) 14 0; 3, C Low (Scot) 14 0. 400m hurdles: 1, R McDonald (Scot) 53.1 (meeting record); 2, C McMullen (Eng) 53 8; 3, J Heggie (Eng) 54 2. 4 x 100m relay: 1, England 42.0sec; 2, Scotland 42.6; 3, Ireland 44 4. 4 x 400m relay: 1, England 3min 14.4sec (meeting record), 2, Scotland 3.14.5; 3, Wales 3:24 9. High jump: 1, C McMaster (Scot) 2.07m; 2, M Lloyd (Eng) 2.04; 3, R Kane (Ire) 2.01. Pole vault: 1, C Linskey (Eng) 5.10m (Meeting record); 2, S Smith (Eng) 4.00; 3, P Campbell (Ire) 3.80. Long jump: 1, M Faulkner (Eng) 6.83m; 2, I Kenny (Ire) 6 53, 3, J Morris (Ire) 6 45. Triple jump: 1, B Robinson (Eng) 14.34m, 2, P Francis (Eng) 13 77; 3, J Oparka (Scot) 13.70. Shot: 1, C Myerscough (Eng) 19.96m (meeting record); 2, D Readle (Eng) 15.80; 3, G Allen (Scot) 13 89. Discus: 1, T Hayman (Eng) 47 06m, 2, S Stanford (Eng) 45.56; 3, B Bourke (Ire) 43 86. Hammer: 1, P Waterman (Eng) 57.26; 2, R Kidner (Eng) 56 42; 3, G Allan (Scot) 55 10. Javelin: 1, D Parker (Eng) 73.56m (Meeting record), 2, B Houghton (Ire) 59.36; 3, M Allen (Ire) 59.34. Match result: 1, England 252pts; 2, Scotland 149; 3, Ireland 140; 4, Wales 109. Girls: 100m: 1, K Thomas (Eng) 12.2sec, 2, E Maher (Ire) 12 2; 3, C Sheehy (Ire) 12.4. 200m: 1, W Cox (Eng) 26.2; 2, H Roscoe (Eng) 25.2; 3, Maher (25.3. 300m: 1, M Bolsover (Eng) 39.3; 2, L Impett (Eng) 39 9; 3, C Easton (Scotland) 40 0. 800m: 1, A Pritchard (Wales) 2min 9 7sec; 2, S Hardy (Eng) 2:12.4, 3, A Pyme (Ire) 2:12.9. 1,500m: 1, T Kemp (Eng) 4:35.9; 2, S Beattie (Scot) 4:40 6, 3, C Warle (Eng) 4:41.8. 3,000m: 1, J Swallow (Eng) 9:55.2; 2, P Sheehan (Ire) 10:04.3; 3, A Larkin (Ire) 10.17 1. 80m hurdles: 1, N Hall (Eng) 11.7sec; 2, S Mantle (Eng) 11 7; 3, J Davis (Ire) 12.0. 300m hurdles: 1, L Siddall (Eng) 44 3sec; 2, C Sutherland (Scot) 45 0; 3, T Stephens (Ire) 45 2. 4 x 100m relay: 1, England 46.9sec; 2, Wales 48.1; 3, Scotland 48 1. 4 x 300m relay: 1, England 2:41 7sec; 2, Ireland 2:43.2, 3, Scotland 2.45.0. High jump: 1, C Cozens (Eng) 1 76m.; 2, A Bemrose (Eng) 1.76, 3, G Black (Scot) 1.65. Long jump: 1, S Claxton (Eng) 6.20m; 2, D Freeman (Eng) 5 53; 3, S Lane (Wales) 5 45. Shot: 1, J Dunkley (Eng) 12.79m; 2, V Shepherd (Eng) 11 47; 3, J McCorry (Ire) 11 09. Discus: 1, N Kerr (Eng) 42 62m; 2, R Roles (Wales) 39 76, 3, K Mellis (Eng) 39 04. Javelin: 1, J Kemp (Eng) 44 92m; 2, L Rann (Eng) 40.26, 3, C Lockwood (Wales) 39 10. Match result: 1, England 198; 2, Ireland 126, 3, Scotland 95; 4, Wales 91.

WATFORD: British Milers Club Relays: Men: 4 x 800m A: BMC National Squad 7min 23 1sec. B: 1, BMC U17 Squad 7:51.5 (UK U17 record); 3, Veterans AC 8:07.1 (UK Veterans record). Women: 4 x 800m: BMC Junior Squad 8:39.6 (world junior record).

BRECON: TSB Welsh Schools Cup: Final: Boys: Under-16: 1, Dwr Y Felin 76pts; 2, Llantwit Major 71. 3, Bryn Elian 67. Under-14: 1, Bishop Llandaff 80; 2, Amman Valley 79. 3, Cwmrhymni 75. Girls: Under-16: 1, Cwmrhymni 72 5; 2, Chepstow 60 5; 3, Bryn Elian 59. Under-14: Equal 1, Dwr Y Felin and St Cenydd 63; 3, Holyhead 55.

ROAD RUNNING: Walton-on-Thames: Julie Button Memorial 10km: 1, H Jones (Ranelagh) 31min 32sec; 2, S Major (South London Harriers) 32:36; 3, P Groves (South London Harriers) 33:14. Veteran over 60: S Charlton (Thames Valley) 38:44. Women: 1, S Young (Parkside Harrow) 37:31; 2, A Mellowdew (Epsom and Ewell) 38:26; 3, H Wust (Herne Hill) 38:36.



C S Brooks, left, and Ellerston White battle for Veuve Cliquot Gold Cup at Cowdray Park yesterday. C S Brooks won the match 14-13 with Heguy scoring the winning shot. Report: page 41. Photograph: James Morgan

CLUB CRICKET

APS TWO COUNTIES LEAGUE: Achilles 184, Dunmow 175; Sudbury 178-9, Braintree 182-3; Clacton 184-9, Halstead 189-7, Mildenhall 123-0, Abberton 119; O Ipswichians 266-5, Maldon 258; Wivenhoe 195, Bury St Edmunds 196-4.

BERKSHIRE LEAGUE: Farley Hill 105, Woodley 106-2; Pinkneys Green 221-7, Goring 224-3; Sandhurst 178-5, West Ilsley 125, Sonning 197-6, Wargrave 198-7; Yateley 165, Frimley 166-4.

BOLTON LEAGUE: Little Lever 203-7, Astley Bridge 178; Bradshaw 244-5, Tonge 245-6; Egerton 271-8, Farnworth SC 182-8; Farnworth 279-5, Eagley 155; Kearsley 224-3, Heaton 168-7; Horwich 118, Walkden 119-1; Greenmount 191-8, Westhoughton 92-3.

BRYAN HERTFORDSHIRE LEAGUE: Bishop's Stortford 185, Letchworth 118; Langleybury 223-7, Watford Town 226-7. Cheshunt 276-5, Luton Town 157-9; Hoddesdon 177, Stevenage 179-3; North Mymms 205-6, Potters Bar 208-7; St Albans 249-5, Hitchin 238; Hemel Hempstead 157-9, Radlett 158-6; Hertford 212-6, Sawbridgeworth 215-3; West Herts 101, Welwyn Garden City 102-4; Berkhamstead 207-9, Barnet 124.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: Thurstonland 198-5, Dewsbury Moorlands 161-6, Holmbridge 192-8, Denby Dale 151, Clayton West 248-4, Upper Hopton 177-9; Lepton 115-4, Dodworth 114.

DERBYSHIRE BUILDING SOCIETY LEAGUE: Ilkeston 214-9, West Hallam 144, Morton 67, A and B 71-2; Sawley 213-7, Ockbrook 216-2; Quarndon 181, Wirksworth 141-8; Spondon 195-8, Langley Mill 196-0; Stainsby Hall 216-7, Denby 217-4.

DRAKES HUDDERSFIELD LEAGUE: Elland 178-5, Broad Oak 176-6; Hall Bower 200-8, Lascelles Hall 259-5; Holm Firth 225-5, Skelmanthorpe 210-7, Kirkheaton 154-8, Kirkburton 157-7; Marsden 134-2, Thongsbridge 130-9; Shepley 92, Meltham 159-9; Slaithwaite 140-6, Scholes 235-5, Almondbury 192-8, Rastrick 196-0; Armitage Bridge 138-1, Huddersfield and Lockwood 134-9; Dalton 220-9, Primrose Hill 111-7, Halifax 129-5, Paddock 109; Honley 159-4, Golcar 158-9; Kexborough 84, Linthwaite 86-5.

EVE SURREY CHAMPIONSHIP: Woodmansterne 102, Chertsey 103-5; Old Walcountians 181-9, Chessington 101-7, Ashtead 225-6, Chipstead and Coulsdon 201-8; Cobham 274-5, Oxshott Village 240-4; Richmond Town 231-6, Oatlands Park 218-9; Horley 291-1, Oxted 287-2; Sanderstead 187, Old Tiffinians 188-4; Egham 240-5, Woking and Horsell 180-9.

KOOKABURRA SOUTH THAMES LEAGUE: Lloyds 130, Bickley 134-2; Holmesdale 134, Bromley 140-2, Cuaco 175, Hayes 178-5; Hartley 169-8, Dartford 172-4; Tunbridge Wells 153, Gravesend 154-2; Sidcup 261-7, Old Colts 239-5; Orpington 27-7, Racs 114-9.

LEES BREWERY LANCASHIRE LEAGUE: Denton St Law 261-6, Sale Moor 191, Irlam 189-8, Denton West 190-2, Dukinfield 225-9, Glossop 248-7; Woodbank 175-8, Longsight 138; Roe Green 221-5, Cheetham Hill 144; Denton 174, Thornham 179-5; Woodhouses 189, Prestwich 129.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY LEAGUE: Brentham 157, Richmond 161-3, Stanmore 162, Brondesbury 183-3; Finchley 225-3, Enfield 151-8; Shepherds Bush 224-4, Hornsey 183-9; Wembley 210-8, Nth Middlesex 131; Southgate 181-7, Teddington 182-4. Sth Hampstead 225-6, Hampstead 149-8; Uxbridge 157, Winchmore Hill 158-2.

MORRANT THAMES VALLEY LEAGUE: Beaconsfield 195-7, Eastcote 198-5, High Wycombe 273-6, Wokingham 264; Finchampstead 259-3, Harefield 262-7: Cove 144, Coyne Hill 145-2; Chesham 187-7, Kidmore End 190-7; Marlow 269-5, Maidenhead and B 260-6; OMT 201-6, Basingstoke 203-2, Hayes 279-2, Reading 212-7; Slough 233-7, Tring Park 223-8, Bessborough 128, Ickenham 132-3.

NORWICH UNION NORFOLK ALLIANCE LEAGUE: Cromer 20, North Barleycorns 210-5; North Wanderers 230-6, Horsford 198; Vauxhall Mallards 239-5, North Runcton 133-8; O Buckenham 284-4, Downham 218-8; Swardeston 213-7, Ingham 214-6.

NORTH STAFFS AND SOUTH CHESHIRE LEAGUE: Porthill Park 215, Ashcombe Park 124; Bignall End 171, Audley 175-3; Cheadle 189, Leek 192-1; Stafford 180, Elworth 183-7; Knypersley 195-7, Caverswall 183, Longton 226-8, Little Stoke 98; Crewe 118, Stone 120-3.

VAUX NORTHERN LEAGUE: Blackpool 158, Fleetwood 161-6; Darwen 106, Chorley 110-3; Kendal 168-8, Netherfield 170-5; Leyland 208-5, Leyland Daf 189-7; Morecambe 218-6, Lancaster 159-7; St Annes 184-5, Preston 147.

VAUX RIBBLESDALE LEAGUE: Barnoldswick 157-9, Blackburn N 77; Baxenden 144, Cherry Tree 118; Clitheroe 138-7, Earby 134, Edenfield 173-9, Whalley 227-7; Great Harwood 171-8, Read 133-9; Osw Immanuel 112-9, Ribblesdale W 114-6; Settle 116-6, Padiham 114-9.

WOOLWICH KENT LEAGUE: Beckenham 188-9, Bexley 189-6; Sevenoaks Vine 199-8, Bromley 183, Chestfield 230-6, Holmesdale 174-6; Gore Court 220-7, Dartford 223-6; Hayes 233-6, The Mote 221; Midland Bank 133, Ashford 135-4; St Lawrence 229, Blackheath 160-8.

WILLIAM YOUNGER NORTH LANCASHIRE LEAGUE: Penrith 198-5, Askam 91-6; Carlisle 180-9, Whitehaven 97-9, Carnforth 211-9, Lindal 106; Millom 191-6, Dalton 188-9, Vickers SC 186, Furness 189-4, Haverigg 175, Barrow 176-5; Vickerstown 265-5, Ulverston 217-9, Workington 173-9, Cleator 116.

YORKSHIRE LEAGUE: Barnsley 42, Rotherham 43-0; Sheff Utd 170-8, Cleethorpes 171-2, Castleford 181, Doncaster 185-5; York Acady 174, Sheff Coll 177-5.

RUGBY LEAGUE

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Yesterday

Castleford 36 Sheffield 31

Castleford Tigers: Tries: C Smith 3, Chapman, Middleton, Schick. Goals: Botica 6. Sheffield Eagles: Tries: Cook, Laughton, Senior, Sovatabua 2. Goals: Aston 5. Dropped goal: Lawford. Att: 4,524

Halifax 74 Workington 14

Halifax Blue Sox: Tries: Baldwin 2, Bentley 2, Brewer, Dean, Hallas, Tuilagi, Umaga 5. Goals: Schuster 11. Workington: Tries: Armswood, Chilton, Kitchin. Goal: Kitchin. Att: 4,374

London 33 Leeds 16

London Broncos: Tries: Barwick, Bawden, Rosolen, Shaw, Tollett. Goals: Barwick 6. Dropped goal: Barwick. Leeds: Tries: Forshaw, Hulme, St Hilaire. Goals: Holroyd 2. Att: 3,900

Saturday

Paris 20 Wigan 24

Paris Saint-Germain: Tries: Bird, Bomati, Chamorin 2. Goals: Banquet, Smith. Wigan: Tries: Johnson, Radlinski, Robinson, Tuigamala. Goals: Farrell 4. Att: 5,428

Warrington 20 Bradford 30

Warrington: Tries: Henare, Mafi, Penny, Rudd. Goals: Roper, Rudd. Bradford Bulls: Tries: Bradley, Calland, Dwyer, McDermott. Goals: McNamara 7. Att: 8,423

Friday's late result

Oldham 18 St Helens 54

Oldham Bears: Tries: Belle, McKinney, Renson. Goals: Maloney 3. St Helens: Tries: Arnold 2, Hammond 2, Hayes 2, Hunte, Newlove, Perelini 2. Goals: Goulding 7. Att: 4,354. Played at: Boundary Park

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St Helens	17	15	0	2	732	383	30
Wigan	17	14	1	2	634	257	29
Bradford	17	13	0	4	574	336	26
Warrington	17	10	0	7	440	403	20
London	17	9	1	7	472	369	19
Sheffield	17	8	0	9	490	524	16
Halifax	17	7	1	9	466	440	15
Oldham	17	7	1	9	371	512	15
Castleford	17	7	0	10	440	447	14
Leeds	17	4	0	13	397	517	8
Paris	17	3	1	13	332	624	7
Workington	17	2	1	14	235	771	5

First division

Yesterday

Whitehaven 14 Keighley 14

Whitehaven: Tries: Doyle, Quirk. Goals: Maguire 2. Dropped goals: Maguire 2. Keighley Cougars: Tries: Dixon, Irving, Jason Critchley. Goal: Dixon. Att: 1,301

Friday's late result

Rochdale 6 Salford 42

Rochdale: Try: Diggle. Goal: Agar. Salford Reds: Tries: Blakeley, Devys, Edwards, Hampson, Martin, McAvoy 2, Randall. Goals: Blakeley 3, Hampson 2. Att: 1,838

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Salford	15	14	0	1	573	239	28
Featherstone	15	10	2	3	451	253	22
Keighley	15	10	2	3	356	246	22
Huddersfield	15	10	0	5	431	224	20
Hull	14	10	0	4	387	268	20
Widnes	14	7	0	7	309	287	14
Wakefield	14	5	1	8	306	335	11
Dewsbury	15	5	1	9	213	422	11
Whitehaven	16	3	1	12	224	440	7
Rochdale	16	2	1	13	260	480	5
Batley	15	1	2	12	170	486	4

Second division

Yesterday

Carlisle 22 Doncaster 16

Carlisle: Tries: Bell, G Ruddy, Manihera, Richardson. Goals: Richardson 3. Doncaster Dragons: Tries: Ballol, Chappell, Roache. Goals: Chappell 2. Att: 615

Friday's late results

Barrow 35 York 18

Barrow: Tries: Atkinson, Goulding, Kettlewell, Polthakis 2, Rea. Goals: Atkinson 5. Dropped goal: Errington. York: Tries: Hopcutt, Smith. Goals: Precious 4, Smirk. Att: 611

Hunslet 11 Swinton 12

Hunslet Hawks: Tries: Coyle, Sterling. Goal: Wilson. Dropped goal: Hanlan. Swinton Lions: Try: Liava'a. Goals: Pearce 3. Dropped goals: Holliday, Price-Jones. Att: 1,316

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hull K R	16	15	0	1	758	230	30
Swinton	17	14	0	3	565	251	28
Hunslet	17	14	0	3	554	261	28
Carlisle	17	11	0	6	510	329	22
Doncaster	17	10	0	7	413	403	20
South Wales	16	8	0	8	417	396	16
Leigh	16	7	0	9	442	354	14
York	17	7	0	10	346	490	14
Barrow	17	4	0	13	284	502	8
Bramley	16	4	0	12	263	534	8
Chorley	16	3	0	13	223	631	6
Prescot	16	2	0	14	211	605	4

Australian premiership

St George	24	W Suburbs	18
Canterbury	34	Penrith	32
Parramatta	34	Illawarra	18
Gold Coast	52	S Queensland	4
Newcastle	14	North Sydney	14
Brisbane	15	Cronulla	12
Western Reds	32	Auckland	12
South Sydney	22	N Queensland	20

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Manly	15	13	0	2	355	121	26
Sydney City	15	12	0	3	395	185	24
North Sydney	16	11	1	4	403	259	23
Brisbane	16	11	0	5	399	197	22
Cronulla	16	10	1	5	292	194	21
Newcastle	16	9	1	6	314	254	19
Auckland	16	9	0	7	308	286	18
Sydney Tigers	16	9	0	7	255	333	18
Canberra	16	8	1	7	358	306	17
St George	16	8	1	7	286	284	17
W Suburbs	16	8	1	7	297	294	17
Parramatta	16	8	0	8	300	297	16
Sydney B	16	6	0	10	218	282	12
Penrith	16	5	1	10	273	268	11
Gold Coast	16	5	1	10	289	347	11
South Sydney	16	5	1	10	256	420	11
Illawarra	16	5	0	11	268	346	10
Western Reds	16	4	1	11	213	314	9
S Queensland	16	4	0	12	152	372	8
N Queensland	16	3	0	13	197	471	6

RUGBY UNION

International matches

New Zealand 15 South Africa 11

New Zealand: Pens: Mehrtens 5. South Africa: Try: Joubert. Pens: Stransky 2.

(in Christchurch)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
New Zealand	2	2	0	0	58	17	9
Australia	2	1	0	1	27	59	4
South Africa	2	0	0	2	27	36	2

Fiji 60 Western Samoa 0

Fiji: Tries: Bari 2, Tuilevu, Black, Katalau, Tawake, Ulinayau, Natuivau. Cons: Little 4. Pens: Little 4

(in Suva)

Currie Cup

S E Transvaal	26	Eastern Province	16
Free State	44	E Transvaal	21
N Transvaal	42	Griqualand West	15
Natal	71	W Transvaal	15
W Province	56	N Free State	20
Transvaal	32	Border	12

Section A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Natal	7	7	0	0	417	111	14
Transvaal	7	5	1	1	285	117	11
S E Transvaal	7	4	1	2	176	215	9
Boland	6	3	0	3	131	158	6
E Province	7	1	1	5	149	209	3
Border	7	1	1	5	143	277	3
W Transvaal	7	1	0	6	157	371	2

Section B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
N Transvaal	7	6	0	1	354	122	12
Free State	7	6	0	1	308	157	12
W Province	6	4	0	2	259	137	8
Griqualand West	7	4	0	3	252	223	8
E Transvaal	6	2	0	4	180	280	4
N Free State	7	1	0	6	109	308	2
S W Districts	6	0	0	6	115	313	0

Student World Cup

Final

France 38 South Africa 20

(in Johannesburg)

GUIDE TO THE WEEK AHEAD

TODAY

CRICKET

Tetleys Challenge Series
11.0, final day of three
CANTERBURY: Kent v Pakistanis

Tour match
11.0, final day of three
TAUNTON: Somerset v South Africa A

Britannic Assurance championship
11.0, final day of four, 96 overs minimum
CHELMSFORD: Essex v Nottinghamshire
OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Derbyshire
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Middlesex

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of three): Bristol: Gloucestershire v Durham, Hinckley: Leicestershire v Derbyshire, Harrow CC: Middlesex v Yorkshire; Bedford School: Northamptonshire v Lancashire, Cleethorpes: Nottinghamshire v Glamorgan, The Oval: Surrey v Hampshire, Hove: Sussex v Worcestershire, Walmley CC: Warwickshire v Essex.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of two): Jesmond: Northumberland v Staffordshire.

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

PRE-SEASON MATCHES: Cork v Southampton; Exeter v Chelsea (7.45); Farsley Celtic v Bradford, Harrow v Tottenham XI, Kettering v Nottingham Forest, Pickering v Scarborough.

OTHER SPORT

RACING: Beverley (6.15), Musselburgh (2.15). Southwell (AW, 2.30): Windsor (6.25).

SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Exeter v Long Eaton (7.30), Wolverhampton v Eastbourne (7.30). Conference League: Reading v Linlithgow (7.30), Ryde (IoW) v Swindon (7.15).

TENNIS: LTA Inter-county championships (at Eastbourne); Men's Northern Electric Open (at David Lloyd Centre, Newcastle)

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL

PRE-SEASON MATCH: Evesham v Oxford United.

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: English women's amateur strokeplay championship (at Little Aston).
RACING: Yarmouth (2.15); Worcester (2.0).
SPEEDWAY: Premier League; Poole v Long Eaton (7.30).
TENNIS: LTA Inter-county championships (at Eastbourne); Men's Northern Electric Open (at David Lloyd Centre, Newcastle)

WEDNESDAY

CRICKET

BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of four): Kidderminster: Worcestershire v Northamptonshire.
TOUR MATCH (one day): Cheltenham: Gloucestershire v South Africa A.

FOOTBALL

UEFA CUP: Preliminary round, second leg: Crusaders (0) v Zalgiris Vilnius (2); Dinaburg (0) v Barry (0) (at Daugavpils, 5.30); Dinamo Minsk (1) v Bohemians (1) (4.0), Skonto Riga (4) v Newtown (1) (at Riga, 4.30); Slovan Bratislava (4) v St Patrick's Ath (3) (5.0); Vojvodina (1) v Portadown (0) (at Novi Sad, 4.30)

PRE-SEASON MATCHES: Bray v Dunfermline; Caernarfon v Wigan (7.0), Dundalk v Celtic; Shamrock v Hearts; Thackley v Bradford, Waterford v Southampton

OTHER SPORT

RACING: Bath (2.15); Catterick Bridge (2.30), Leicester (6.30); Sandown Park (6.15)
SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Hull v Swindon (7.30), Long Eaton v Poole (7.30).
TENNIS: LTA Inter-county championships (at Eastbourne); Men's Northern Electric Open (at David Lloyd Centre, Newcastle)

THURSDAY

CRICKET

FIRST CORNHILL TEST MATCH (first day of five): Lord's: England v Pakistan.
BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of four): Derby: Derbyshire v Kent; Hartlepool: Durham v Essex; Cardiff: Glamorgan v Lancashire; Cheltenham: Gloucestershire v Warwickshire; Southampton: Hampshire v Surrey; Leicester: Leicestershire v Sussex; Scarborough: Yorkshire v Somerset.

FOOTBALL

PRE-SEASON MATCH: Finn Harps v Dundee, Guiseley v Bradford; Harrow v Queens Park Rangers XI; Lancaster v Bolton.

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: British Seniors' championship (Portrush); Guardian Irish Holidays Women's Open (Saggart, Co Dublin)
RACING: Brighton (2.0); Catterick Bridge (6.40); Chepstow (6.30); Sandown Park (2.15)
SPEEDWAY: Premier League: London v Scottish Monarchs (7.30); Middlesbrough v Cradley Heath and (7.30), Stoke Sheffield v Swindon (7.45).
TENNIS: LTA Inter-county championships (at Eastbourne); Men's Northern Electric Open (at David Lloyd Centre, Newcastle)

FRIDAY

CRICKET

TOUR MATCH (first day of four): Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v South Africa A

RUGBY LEAGUE

SECOND DIVISION: York v Leigh Centurions (7.30).

FOOTBALL

PRE-SEASON MATCHES: Caernarfon v Blackburn; Cheltenham v Southampton; Scarborough v Bradford; Wycombe v Queens Park Rangers (7.45)

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: British Seniors' championship (Portrush); Guardian Irish Holidays Women's Open (Saggart, Co Dublin).
RACING: Ascot (2.15), Newmarket (6.15); Nottingham (6.30); Thirsk (2.05); Wolverhampton (AW, 2.25).
SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Belle Vue v Middlesbrough (7.30); Oxford v Bradford (7.30); Peterborough v Wolverhampton (7.30)
TENNIS: LTA inter-county championships (at Eastbourne); Men's Northern Electric Open (at David Lloyd Centre, Newcastle)

SATURDAY

RUGBY LEAGUE

FIRST DIVISION: Rochdale v Wakefield (7.0).

FOOTBALL

PRE-SEASON MATCHES: Dorchester v Oxford United (3.0); Galway v Fulham (3.0); Hyde United v Huddersfield (3.0); Shelbourne v St Johnstone (7.45); Tiverton Tn v Bristol City (3.0)

OTHER SPORT

CYCLING: St Neots 25 miles (Tempsford)
GOLF: British Seniors' championship (Portrush): Guardian Irish Holidays Women's Open (Saggart, Co Dublin)
RACING: Ascot (2.0), Lingfield Park (6.10); Newcastle (2.15); Southwell (AW, 6.25), Stratford (2.25)
SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Bradford v Ipswich (7.30); Coventry v Oxford (7.30); Cradley Heath and Stoke v London (7.30). Conference League: Arena Essex v Buxton (8.0), Swindon v Exeter (7.30). Challenge: Berwick v Mildenhall (7.0).
TENNIS: Men's Northern Electric Open (at David Lloyd Centre, Newcastle).

SUNDAY

CRICKET

AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE (one day): Derby: Derbyshire v Kent; Hartlepool: Durham v Essex; Swansea: Glamorgan v Lancashire; Cheltenham: Gloucestershire v Warwickshire; Southampton: Hampshire v Surrey; Leicester: Leicestershire v Sussex; Worcester: Worcestershire v Northamptonshire; Scarborough: Yorkshire v Somerset.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated
STONES SUPER LEAGUE: Bradford Bulls v Oldham Bears (6.0); Leeds v Paris Saint-Germain; London Broncos v St Helens (5.30); Sheffield Eagles v Warrington (at Bramall Lane, 6.0), Wigan v Halifax Blue Sox (6.30), Workington v Castleford Tigers. First division: Featherstone v Keighley Cougars (6.0), Huddersfield Giants v Widnes (6.30); Salford Reds v Hull Whitehaven v Dewsbury. Second division: Chorley Magpies v South Wales (6.0); Hull K R v Doncaster Dragons (6.30); Hunslet Hawks v Barrow (3.30); Prescot Panthers v Carlisle (3.30); Swinton Lions v Bramley (5.30).

FOOTBALL

PRE-SEASON MATCH: FAI Harp Lager XI v Manchester United (2.30)
KEVIN MORRIS BENEFIT MATCH: Swindon v Chelsea (3.0)

OTHER SPORT

CYCLING: National championship 100 miles (New Romney).
GOLF: British Seniors' championship (Portrush). Guardian Irish Holidays Women's Open (Saggart, Co Dublin).
MOTORSPORT: Formula Three championship (Thruxton). RAC/Autotrader British touring car championship (Knockhill).
SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Scottish Monarchs v Ipswich (at Glasgow, 6.30). Conference League: Sheffield v Mildenhall (3.0); Sheffield v Linlithgow (4.30), Sittingbourne v Buxton (2.0).
TENNIS: Men's Northern Electric Open (at David Lloyd Centre, Newcastle).

POOLS CHECK

VICTORIA: First division: Moorabbin 1 Springvale W 2; Northcote C 2 Richmond 5. Second division: Altona City 1 West Vale 2; E Brunswick 0 Bell Park 0, E Richmond 0 East Altona 1; Frankston P 0 Nunawading 0; Oakleigh 1 Knox City 0; S Dandenong 7 Regent 2; Waverley 4 Mooroolbark 3. Third division: Cranbourne 4 Banyule 0; Frankston 4 Clifton Hill 0, Melbourne C 1 Keilor 1; S Caulfield 2 Chelsea 4; S Werribee 1 S Springvale 4. Postponed: Diamond V v Pascoe Vale. Fitzroy v Ringwood C. Fifth division: Ballarat 0 Knox Pk 1, Doveton 0 Keysborough 2, Geelong R 4 Glenroy 0; Melton 3 Heidelberg C 0, Old Scotch 0 N Sunshine 1. Postponed: Springvale C v S Wantirna; Mornington v Mitcham. Sixth division: Dandenong 1 Braeside 2, Hoppers C 1 Berwick City 0; N Glenroy 1 Brunswick C 0. Postponed: Meadow Pk v Lyndale U; S Yarra v Endeavour; Brandon Pk v E Nunawading. Croxdon v Hampton Pk.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA: Premier division: Inglewood 1 Spearwood 0; Knights 2 Athena 0; Sorrento 0 Bayswater 1, Swan IC 2 Kingsway 0. First division: Bassendean 5 Cockburn 1; Joondalup 2 Balcatta 0; Morley 1 Perth City 2; North Lake 2 Fremantle C 2; Rockingham 2 Dianella 2; Southside 1 Ashfield 2.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA: Premier division: Adelaide R 0 Olympians 0, Blue Eagles 0 Salisbury 1, Croydon 0 Campb'ltown 2; Woodville 2 Port Lion 0. First division: Adelaide City 1 Elizabeth 2; Cumberland 2 W Adelaide 1; Modbury 0 Para Hills 1; Noarlunga 2 Enfield 1; Plympton 6 Sealord 1; Port Pirie 0 WT Birkalla 0.

TASMANIA: North: Premier division: Somerset 10 LW Eagles 0, St Leonards 0 Ulverstone 8. South: Premier division: Kingborough 8 Nelson 0; Metro 1 Howrah 0; Phoenix 5 Taroona 0; University (TS) 4 Dosa 0.

NEW SOUTH WALES: Third division: Moorebank 3 White City 2; Wanderers 5 Hawkesbury 1.

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FORECAST: Telephone claims for 21pts; dividend very good with five score and five no-score draws

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Jennai Cox decides to give windsurfing a try, and discovers that women fall off less often than men do

It's as easy as falling off a board

When windsurfers arrived on Weymouth beach for its Speed Week 20 years ago, the yachting enthusiasts laughed. None believed a sail attached to what resembled an ironing board would be capable of racing.

Boardsailors are now among the fastest non-engine powered vehicles on water, reaching 45 knots.

With two British champions competing in the Atlanta Olympics, the windsurfing industry wants to raise the profile of the sport. Affiliated organisations are committed to a five-year development programme and the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) is running activities throughout the summer to give families a chance to sail.

RYA training is considered some of the best in the world, and guarantees to have any newcomer sailing within hours, so I thought I would give it a try with the Aqua Sport Company at Mercers Park, in Surrey. Lessons start with a demonstration on a simulated board of how to get on, sail into and away from the wind, and turn. Many windsurfers are put off by their first experience. Bad weather or insufficient instruction are the main culprits. With step-by-step tuition the first sail should be a thrilling experience.

After an hour's coaching, including trying the rescue position, I was declared ready for water. Women are said to learn faster than men. To test the theory that women have better balance I was told to jump up and down on the board. The attempt to get me used to falling in failed — I stayed on.

Using the rope I then crouched, hauled up the sail and tried to gauge the wind direction. To my surprise I was soon sailing, tacking and gybing (basic turning) but never really knowing whether the board was going up or downwind. Memorising technicalities is not important: with practice and experimentation boardsailors learn to feel the wind.

Sudden gusts of wind can be anticipated by watching shadows on the water. These gusts sent the board skimming and the thrill has been described as being the closest to flying without leaving the ground. Real skill comes with controlling the sail in strong wind. Holding the boom, the hand nearest the back of the board acts as an accelerator, but then when I tried to slow down I fell in.

At the beginning it is technique, not physical strength, and concentration that are required. Thinking about the direction of the wind, the positioning of your feet and keeping your back straight can be enough to set you off balance. While constantly falling in the water can be tiring, windsurfing is excellent exercise. Shoulder, back, leg and stomach muscles can all be felt to be working.

Having mastered the basics and falling off only three times, I was awarded level 1 by the day's end. RYA qualifications are internationally recognised and holders can sail any open water in the UK. With balance and determination, it is not as hard as it looks.

SPORT FOR ALL

The same cannot be said for the antics of expert windsurfers, numbering about 20,000 in Britain, who, on shorter boards with smaller sails for greater speed, perform jumps and back loops and sail in waves surfboarders would avoid. But for the 100,000 recreational windsurfers the sport offers speed with safety.

What excites windsurfers is the ongoing innovation in the sport. Its invention was the subject of a courtroom dispute in the 1980s when an American manufacturer, trying to secure world patent rights, claimed two US surfers had tried it first in California in 1968. However, Peter Chilvers, who ten years earlier at the age of 12 used a tent, fly sheet, plywood and curtain rings to make his first sailboard on Hayling Island, was found to be the inventor.

> To my surprise I found I was soon sailing, tacking and gybing

Technological advances mean rigs and boards, now made with carbon fibre, are lighter and wetsuits warmer than ten years ago. Sails come in sizes from two to ten metres and the price of equipment is going down. A full set of new gear costs more than £1,000 but second hand can be bought for £500.

Watersport centres can teach the deaf, blind and disabled, as well as the elderly and young children; you only need to know how to swim.

At one of 264 centres approved by the RSA, eight hours of teaching, up to level 1, costs about £60 and almost everyone, according to research, lives within ten miles of a centre.

ADRIAN SHERRATT

This sport offers speed with safety, and you can feel your shoulder, back, leg and stomach muscles working

GETTING ON, GETTING UP

ALAN HILLMAN

LINE IT UP
Position the board perpendicular to the wind with the rig lying downwind. Stand beside the board and place your hands on the centreline either side of the mast. If the alignment is wrong in shallow water you can simply walk the rig round to the correct position

JUMP ABOARD
Jump or haul yourself up onto the board. The essential thing now is to get a knee up so that you can then lever yourself into the kneeling position and place yourself as close as possible to the centre of the board.

ON YOUR KNEES
Once in the kneeling position, with your weight over the centre of the board, take hold of the uphaul with the hand nearest the front of the board. This provides a little more stability. Check again that the board and sail are correctly orientated across the wind.

HOLD TIGHT
Holding the uphaul with both hands for support, come up onto one knee. (It is important to try this sequence in good, preferably sunny, conditions the first time. A wind speed of more than force 3 is certain to cause problems).

PULL IT UP
Once you have got sufficient leverage, you can now come up onto both feet, and — with back straight and knees bent — start to apply some weight to the uphaul, to begin to pull the sail out of the water.

HEAVE HO!
Simultaneously leaning back on the uphaul and straightening the legs should actually provide all the effort necessary to lift the rig from the water. Windsurfing is about technique, not strength, so let your body weight do the work. Bring in the uphaul, hand over hand, as the sail comes up.

READY TO SAIL
As the sail starts to lift you can stand more fully upright, keeping your back straight, head up and pushing with your thighs rather than bending your arms. It helps if you pull the rig slightly towards the nose of the board to slide it out of the water, rather than just trying to heave it up.

WHAT TO BUY

Ring the Royal Yachting Association for your nearest shop or dealership. Prices from Surf Sales of Folkestone, Kent, one of the largest distributors of windsurfing equipment. They are middle to top of the market. (01303 850553)

BOARDS
Surf-light (long board, 3m 80cm), gilded and suitable for all winds £899
Escape (long board, 3m 40cm) for the more experienced surfer £600
Free ride screamer (short board, 2m 70cm) for wave-jumping £799

SAILS
The round rig for beginners (5m 70cm) £190
North Sail Spectro rig for the more experienced (7m). £699

WETSUITS AND ACCESSORIES
Spartan winter and summer wetsuits in any size £149-£350
Dakine harness £50
Gearbags with wet and dry compartments £50

Phone book

The Aqua Sports Company, Mercers Park, Surrey (01737 644288)

SSM Freesports and the British Trade Federation offer information on how to get started (0171-376 7446)

Royal Yachting Association, the governing body, is organising family tester days (01703 627400)

UK Board Sailing Association, for long board sailing (01329 664779)

British Windsurfing Association, for short board sailing (01705 468182)

British Windsurfing World Cup 1996 is in Brighton from September 4-8 (0171-352 6742)

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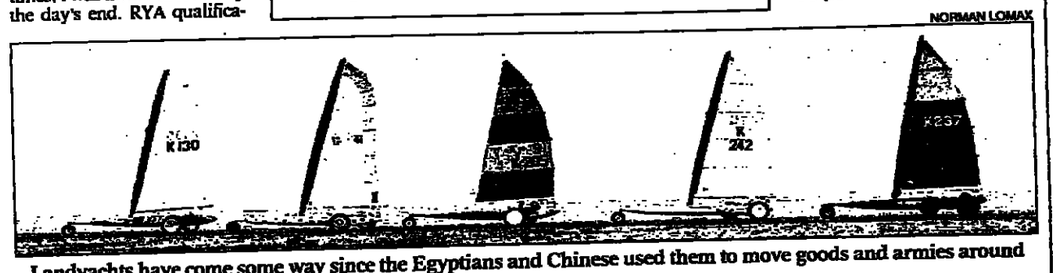


Landyachts have come some way since the Egyptians and Chinese used them to move goods and armies around

Six out of ten for exhilaration

Robert Crampton tries his hand at the skill of sailing on tarmac

WHEN I was asked to go landyachting in Cornwall I immediately thought of a huge, hard, golden beach, a bit like the one the athletes trained on in *Chariots of Fire*, and so I said yes, and set off for Perranporth without delay.

Trouble is, although Perranporth does indeed boast such a beach — three miles long, half a mile wide at low tide — and although when landyachting came to Britain as a sport in the 1960s it was to Perranporth that it came, you are no longer allowed to landyacht here. Dogs chase you, sunbathers get run over, children building sandcastles become depressed. I ended up at an airfield instead.

Never mind. Landyachts go faster on tarmac than they do on sand, and you don't get covered in grit and salt water. However, tarmac hurts more if you fall out. Plus, this being an active airfield, you have to avoid sailing into anybody's propeller, because that would ruin your day.

At this airfield — the former RAF Perranporth up on the cliffs — the wind is stronger than at sea level. The general rule is that a basic yacht with a windsurf sail — the type beginners use — can go up to twice the prevailing windspeed. Custom-built racing land yachts will go at three times the windspeed. The record is 96mph. Ice yachts, from which land yachts developed, go even faster — the record is 165mph. Today, however, our maximum attainable speed is about 30mph.

There are eight beginners and two instructors, Craig Brown and Brian Phipps, of Windsport International. Windsport is mostly concerned with sailing, get wet type sailing, but they introduced landyachting two years ago for corporate clients who don't want to spoil their hairdos and because people can pick up the basics.

A land yacht is a fibreglass cockpit on a stainless steel chassis attached to three rubber wheels, the whole body is about eight feet long and four feet wide at the back wheels.

Landyachts have come some way since the Egyptians and the Chinese used them to move goods and armies around 4,000 years ago, but they are still basic bits of equipment. You sit in the cockpit and steer the front wheel with two foot pedals. There's a bit of fun to be had in realising there are no brakes. It doesn't last long because there's no accelerator either.

The power arrives when you attach the 5-metre square Dacron sail. You trim this sail in or out according to the wind and how fast you want to go by means of a hand-held bit of rope called a mainsheet, which is tied to the back of a boom around the sail.

I spent a pleasant ten minutes pottering up and down the runway in figure of eights around two cones, doing cautious "tack" turns into the wind. On a scale of exhilaration from one to ten, I'd give it a six. I wanted to go a bit faster and was told that the more you increase the speed, the further the "apparent" wind you create moves through a 90-degree arc, from the true wind to the side towards the front thus enabling you to go even faster. Got that? Never mind, it's still good clean fun.

● *Windsport International: 01326 376191*

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

The defence on today's hand is difficult. If you got it right at the table, you would be in the top 100 players in the country. It occurred in the high-stake game at TGR's a few weeks ago.

Dealer South **Love all** **Rubber bridge**

North: ♠874 ♥962 ♦AK104 ♣854

West: ♠J653 ♥10 ♦QJ87 ♣Q732

East: ♠Q9 ♥87 ♦9653 ♣AK1096

South: ♠AK102 ♥AKQJ543 ♦2 ♣J

S	W	N	E
2 H (1)	Pass	3 H	Pass
3 S	Pass	4 D (2)	Pass
4 NT (3)	Pass	5 D (4)	Pass
6 H	All Pass		

Contract: Six Hearts by South. Lead: two of clubs

(1) Acol Two. (2) Cue-bid. (3) Blackwood. (4) One ace.

What should East do after winning the first club? In practice he tried a second high club. Declarer ruffed, drew trumps and played off all his trumps and spades. That reduced everyone to three cards; as West had four that he wanted to keep (jack of spades and Q J 8 of diamonds), he was squeezed out of a trick and so the declarer made the last three, and twelve in all.

To break up the squeeze, East had to return a diamond at trick three. This is how he should reason: declarer obviously can't have a second club, as he has volunteered a slam as soon as his partner showed one ace. And presumably declarer has the other two aces — after all he has used Blackwood. So the only hope is to find partner with a third round spade trick, and to prevent him being squeezed out of it a diamond return is essential. That beats the contract whenever South has a singleton diamond and only eleven top tricks.

☐ The British youth team have made a disastrous start to the defence of their European title in Cardiff and will need to show a vast improvement in form to get in contention.

STANDINGS (after five rounds): 1, Norway 105pts; 2, Israel 100; 3, Russia 98; 4, Denmark 93; 5, Poland 92; 6, Romania 90; 7 equal, Iceland and Ireland 88; 9, Sweden 85; 10, Italy 80; 24, Great Britain 51.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

England wins

The England team has got off to a flying start in the Glorney Cup Junior International team tournament at Glenalmond College, Perthshire. In the first round England crushed Germany by the score of 4-1 while in round two England defeated France by 3-2.

White: Houska (England)
Black: Roser (France)
Glorney Cup, July 1996

Torre Attack

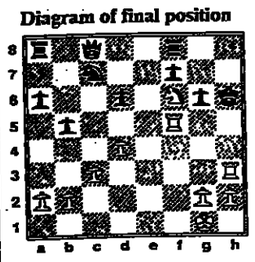
1	d4	Nf6
2	Nf3	e6
3	Bg5	c5
4	e3	Be7
5	c3	b6
6	Bd3	cxd4
7	exd4	Ba6
8	Bxa6	Nxa6
9	0-0	0-0
10	Qd3	Nc7
11	Ne5	b5
12	Nd2	Qe8
13	f4	d6
14	Bxf6	Bxf6
15	Ng4	Be7
16	f5	exf5
17	Rxf5	g6
18	Ne4	Qd8
19	Nef6+	Bxf6
20	Nxf6+	Kg7
21	Raf1	a6
22	Qh3	h6
23	R1f3	Qc8
24	Qxh6+	Kxh6
25	Rh3+	Black resigns

White: Trifunovic (England)
Black: Wyrwich (Germany)
Glorney Cup, July 1996

King's Indian Defence

1	d4	Nf6
2	Nf3	g6
3	c4	Bg7
4	Nc3	0-0
5	g3	d6
6	Bg2	c6
7	0-0	Qa5
8	e4	Qh5
9	Re1	Bg4
10	e5	Ne8
11	Ne4	dxe5
12	dxe5	Nc7
13	Neg5	h6
14	h3	hxg5
15	hxg4	Cxg4
16	Bxg5	Re8
17	Qb3	Qc8
18	Qa3	Bf8
19	e6	f6
20	Qd3	f5
21	Qe3	Bg7
22	Nh4	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



Times book

The Times Winning Moves 2 contains 240 chess puzzles from international grandmaster Raymond Keene's daily column in *The Times*, and is available now from bookshops or from B. T. Batsford Ltd (tel: 01376 321276) at £6.99 plus postage and packing.

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

CHAROSET
a. A mixture of apples
b. A dwarf harp
c. A French artist

GWELY
a. Chemical found in 1923
b. A social unit
c. Island in the Indian Ocean

DIOCH
a. Microscopic insect
b. Cheese dip
c. An African bird

BOUZOUKI
a. The Greek mandoline
b. A Spanish wine
c. A Greek dance

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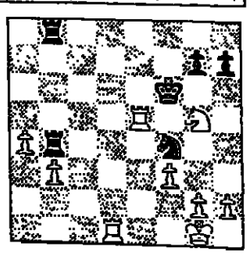
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. Game Tolush — Randviir, USSR 1947. White is three pawns ahead in this end game, his rook and knight are threatened and Black is also planning ... Rxb3 regaining a pawn and invading with his rooks. How did White win?



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Capitalisation, week's change

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place five business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

DRINKS / BEVERAGES

BANKS

BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

BUILDING MATERIALS

CHEMICALS

DISTRIBUTORS

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
9.15	Anglo Utd	1			
427.20	Arjo...	310	- 3	2.1	10.4
15,601.10	BTR	356	+ 2	3.0	18.6
9,110.10	BTR	236	- 5	7.8	9.9
15,314.70	BAT	494½	+ 16½	6.1	9.7
232.30	Bensford	186	- 5	2.4	13.5
187.60	Bristly Int	125	- 5	6.2	8.7
1,624.10	Brierley Inv	60½	- 1½	7.6	3.1
146.50	Charter	850	- 22	4.0	12.6
1,130.90	Cookson	265	- 8	4.0	15.3
22.60	Cosalt	187	- 3	6.2	11.6
214.20	DCC	266	- 8	3.2	10.6
84.60	Grampian Hdg	121	- 1	6.3	12.5
6,456.50	Hanson	162½	- 5½	9.2	7.6
547.20	Harrison Crsfd	172		8.5	17.8
14,581.20	Hutch Whampoa	393	+ 1½	2.0	21.3
3,099.60	Jardine Math	431½	- 21½	3.7	
1,231.30	Lonrho	170½	- 4	3.5	20.1
105.30	McLeod Russell	172	- 2	4.7	14.7
355.40	Powell Duffryn	390	+ 11	8.0	
28.20	Ropner	125	- 1	8.2	9.5
3,825.60	Sime Darby	181	- 5	2.7	16.4
214.00	Steveley	185	- 11	6.1	12.5
192.70	Suter	163	- 4	7.5	10.1
527.70	TI Group	529	- 6	2.5	16.8
2,100.70	Tomkins	261	- 2	4.9	13.4
35.90	Unitech	190	- 50	11.5	6.6
116.80	Wardle Storeys	458	- 12	5.0	20.7
526.00	Wassall	271	- 9	2.5	14.5
91.10	Whitecroft	207	- 1	3.0	14.7
1,934.70	Williams Hldg	333	+ 1	5.3	15.3

ELECTRICITY

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,091.20	East Midlands	550	- 16	7.2	9.2
1,053.40	London Elect	604	+ 3	8.0	8.5
1,648.50	Midlands Elec	420	+ 1	5.5	10.6
2,917.30	National Grid	171	+ 2	7.5	6.5
4,696.60	National Power	396	- 20½	7.3	7.5
4,517.30	Natl Power P/Pt	262	- 19½	7.2	7.5
531.30	Northern Elect	525	+ 1	9.5	6.2
572.00	Nthn Ireland	408	+ 2	6.0	6.7
3,245.80	PowerGen	483		5.4	6.3
3,516.20	PowerGen (P/P)	341	- 2	5.4	6.3
1,126.30	Hydro-Elect	293	+ 4	7.0	7.3
2,970.40	Scottish Power	315	+ 6	6.4	9.0
1,704.20	Southern Elect	658	- 33	7.1	7.7
1,049.70	Yorkshire Elect	661	- 27½	7.4	8.1

ELECTRONIC & ELECT

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
107.40	Acal	537	- 8	2.0	17.8
205.40	Acorn Comp	228	- 13		
165.90	Admiral	265	- 15	0.9	32.6
224.40	Amstrad	192	- 7	1.8	
34.20	Arlen	46	- 3	1.9	11.9
401.20	Astec	130	- 7	1.4	17.8
187.80	Azlan	688	+ 4	0.7	
1,145.70	BICC	323	+ 8	4.8	
20.60	Beales Hunter	194	- 2	6.7	19.7
163.20	Bird	530	+ 17	3.2	14.5
828.80	Bowthorpe	427	+ 2	2.8	18.6
4.01	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	15½		3.7	
19.30	CML Microsys	104	- 1	7.3	16.2
29.20	Channel Hldgs	32	- 1	5.6	
72.10	Chloride	29½		1.9	17.3
14.90	Clayhithe	73	- 2½	5.9	8.1
72.30	Cray Elect	30½	- 5½		
138.30	Critchley	859	- 1	1.6	25.3
921.70	Dania Bs Syst	408	- 15	0.7	20.3
495.50	Delta	331	- 6	6.0	16.5
92.10	Domino	345	- 10	3.8	44.3
99.00	Dowding Mills	66	- 1	5.3	15.5
218.40	Druck	3413	- 37	0.5	36.6
2,388.50	Electrolux 'B'	3353½	+ 103½	3.6	9.1
35.00	Eness	32½	- 1½	0.8	20.6
11,163.00	Ericsson 'B'	1275	- 21½	1.3	29.3
34.80	Eurocopy	71	- 1	4.3	12.4
488.20	Eurotherm	540	+ 6	2.0	20.1
562.30	Falvey Group	624	- 15	1.5	22.8
117.40	Filtronic Com	273	+ 13	0.3	43.3
135.90	Forward Gp	248	- 3	1.0	23.1
24.10	Forward Tech	70	- 3	4.9	10.3
10,261.90	GEC	371	+ 2	4.2	

ENGINEERING

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
47.80	AIM	332	- 11	2.1	
181.10	APV	61	- 4	5.5	17.5
60.80	ACW	73	- 4	6.8	
163.80	Alvis	407	- 23	2.2	18.0
61.00	Alvert	109	+ 3	2.6	7.3
64.90	Ash & Lacy	175	- 1	4.8	14.3
73.10	Atlas Equip	703	- 30	3.9	18.6
11.30	Ayrshire Metal	113	- 2	6.1	6.7
1,247.30	BBA	301		2.5	20.4
67.90	BWI	142		5.9	12.9
150.70	Babcock	89	- 2	3.4	
4.40	Bailey (CH)	8			
213.60	Baynes (Charles)	138	- 2	2.3	20.7
14.30	Beaufort	32	- 1	1.6	
14.30	Benson Group	50	+ 5		
1.50	Billam	94		7.0	
304.90	Bodycote	523	- 11	1.6	24.1
3.68	Booth Inds	46			
10.90	Bramall	35		4.2	
76.10	Bridon	102	- 10½	5.4	22.4
4,050.60	Br Aerospace	942	- 9	1.7	23.4
3,410.30	Br Steel	167½	- 1	7.5	4.5
5.51	Brooke Tool	14½	+ 1½	2.6	13.2
37.30	Brunel	30½		2.0	11.8
119.10	Bullough	98	- 3	7.7	20.6
41.60	Burnfield	120	- 6	3.4	14.2
151.70	Carclo Eng	247	- 3	5.6	11.8
97.60	Castings	328	- 7	2.4	15.3
10.60	Chamberlin Hill	145	- 5	6.5	9.5
89.30	Chemring	378	- 9	3.7	14.8
20.20	Clyde Blowers	256	- 6	3.3	57.1
564.20	Cobham	610	- 17	2.0	
4.84	Cohen (A)	580	- 15	2.6	7.3
93.00	Concentric	171	+ 1	4.9	11.8
49.50	Cook (Wm)	250	- 2	4.1	8.4
136.40	David Brown	206	- 8	4.8	15.4
171.90	DS	325	+ 2	5.0	11.4
6.95	Deco	18	- 1	1.7	10.1
41.50	Elliott (B)	109	- 4	3.4	10.8
58.90	Expamet	93	- 1	4.0	18.8
976.10	FKI	173	- 4½	3.8	16.1
136.80	Fenner	148		3.2	14.2
2.05	Ferrum	8½	+		
41.90	Firth Hldgs	60	- 2½		
88.80	Firth Rixson	63	+ ½	2.2	26.1
51.40	GEI Intl	139	- 2	4.0	13.4
7.18	Garton Eng	184	- 5	4.6	7.3
837.60	Glynwed	343	+ 3	4.6	13.5
46.20	Graystone	12½	- ¼	5.6	8.3
93.40	Hadsn MacLn	83	- 1	3.6	13.2
18.20	Hadleigh	250	- 4	2.9	
106.00	Hall Eng	259	- 3	4.0	17.1
476.30	Halma	178	+ 2	1.8	20.8
46.40	Hampson Ind	55	- 2	5.3	21.6
4.20	Hay (Norman)	28			27.6
5.47	Headway	34	- 3	1.1	30.9
34.10	Hill & Smith	87	- 2	8.4	9.5
24.20	Hopkinsons	31	- 1	5.2	
15.50	How Gp	37		3.8	25.7
208.70	Howden	71	- 1	5.2	
132.00	Hunting	134	- 43	8.3	11.6
1,279.10	IMI	370		3.9	22.6
1,275.60	Johnson Matthey	590	+ 5	3.0	17.1
13.90	Jones Stroud	54	- 1	2.3	8.8
13.90	Kelsey Ind	448	- 2	6.7	8.9
19.50	Llocal	205	- 3	5.0	11.4
30.00	Locker (T)	37½		2.2	16.7
64.70	ML Hdgs	39		4.5	
7.12	MS Intl	26		3.0	25.8
56.70	Mang Bronze	326	- 1	2.1	14.2
470.40	McKechnie	478	- 2	4.4	14.3
206.30	Meggitt	95	- 1	5.2	19.3
112.60	Metalrax	100	- 5	4.5	16.3
16.40	Metsec	106	+ 4	3.9	14.1
323.30	Molins	948	- 22	2.6	
938.50	Morgan Cruc	416	- 6	4.1	16.5
33.80	Morris Ashby	292	+ 4	3.3	
12.00	Neepsend	48	- 1	4.8	8.7
15.50	OMI Intl	21½	+ 2½		
426.70	Powerscreen	480	+ 2	2.4	15.8
15.00	Prospect Inds	5	- ¼	3.1	

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
101.80	Adwest	123		7.9	35.1
27.80	Airflow Stream	268	- 4	4.2	7.2
178.10	Avon Rubber	662	- 12	3.4	16.2
252.60	BSG	86	- 2	4.7	15.8
55.80	Brolsom	330	- 3	2.5	14.5
11.90	Boustead	18	- 1	7.1	
27.70	ERF	283	- 5	2.0	
81.50	First Tech	516	+ 16	2.1	
3,566.20	GKN	1016	- 27	3.0	18.5
22,470.90	General Mtr	3162½	+ 18½	3.3	
327.30	Healey	621	- 34	2.4	18.2
15,123.60	Honda Motor	1552½	- 19	0.5	
648.90	Laird	457	- 8	3.3	13.3
9.30	Loades	465		0.3	
1,952.30	Lucas	221	- 3	4.0	28.9
222.00	Mayflower	101½	- 4½	2.4	48.2
43.10	Syltone	181	- 7	3.5	
680.40	T & N	128	- 9	5.9	8.2
198.80	Trinity Hldgs	356	- 4	2.8	17.3

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
3,600.00	AB Food	400	- 5	2.8	14.2
107.10	Acatos & Hutch	248	- 8	4.5	20.3
321.80	Albert Fisher	45	+ 1	10.4	11.2
26.40	Banks (S C)	303		4.3	11.4
63.40	Barr (AG)	327	+ 9	3.1	25.7
14.30	Bensons Crsp	28	- 1		71.9
834.30	Booker	369	- 2	7.8	13.9
21.50	Borthwick	37		4.4	16.6
55.00	CPL Aromas	430	+ 10	1.4	22.9
4,925.20	Cadbury-Schw	494	- 10	4.0	16.5
13.90	Canadian Pizza	77		7.8	13.0
21.80	Carrs Milling	303		3.7	10.8
53.00	Carrigan	79	- 9	3.5	10.4
14.90	Continental Fds	103			
25.60	Cranswick	180	- 1	6.4	11.6
1,013.20	Dalgety	350	- 3	7.9	10.5
12.00	Daniels S	32		0.4	
359.30	Devro	226	- 7	4.3	13.0
87.80	Finlay (James)	88	- 1	4.5	24.9
172.30	Geest	239	- 6	4.2	53.6
24.80	Global	17	- 1	4.4	11.3
580.80	Greencore	315	- 11	2.6	13.2
237.30	Hazlewood Fds	102	- 1	6.2	
1,200.20	Hillsdown	170	- 2	7.0	11.8
23.40	JLI Group	60	- 3	10.3	
61.20	Linton Park	378	- 8	5.0	11.5
129.00	Matthews (B)	104	- 4	4.1	10.0
80.80	Nichols (V)	228	+ 1	3.6	14.2
1,055.20	Nthn Foods	182	+ 1	6.2	11.6
7.67	Nthmbrn Fn	12½		1.0	6.8
1.79	Pacpers	112	- 2		
4.74	Perkins	6			
105.90	Perkins Food	85	- 1	6.6	14.1
19.80	Plant & Gent	82		5.6	
34.90	SeaPerfect	71			
15.20	Sentry Farm	203	- 15	2.1	13.5
10.00	Sims Food	39		12.9	9.7
2,005.80	Tate & Lyle	459	- 8	4.4	9.5
26.70	Tesoll	278	- 28	2.6	11.7
854.70	Unigate	404	+ 5	5.8	10.3
10,146.80	Unilever	1245	- 11	3.0	
14,803.20	Unilever (NV)	9216½	+ 66½	2.6	
1,175.00	Utd Biscuits	222		5.5	
15.50	WT Foods	39	- 1	6.0	58.4
28.90	Yorkshire Food	88		7.5	5.7

HEALTHCARE

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
573.30	Amersham	980	- 29	2.3	18.4
20.50	Anagen	44	+ 2		
24.80	Assoc Nursg	151	+ 4	2.7	13.1
104.70	Bespak	414	- 2½	3.3	6.5
225.20	Biocomps Intl	406	+ 10		
45.70	Care UK	104	- 5	1.0	17.8
89.50	Celsis	114	- 3		
108.80	Community H	321	- 6	3.6	16.0
53.10	CrestaCare	28	- 1	3.9	
6.22	Enviromed	24	- 1		
10.40	Ferraris Group	93	- 9	3.3	13.6
59.60	Goldsborough	136	- 26	3.7	11.4
20.20	Greenacre	11½			16.8
256.50	Huntigh Tech	903	- 30	1.1	30.2
17.00	Intercare Gpt	80	- 1	7.3	14.3
37.20	Isoton	295	- 5	2.3	15.6
185.10	Life Sciences	105	+ 1	5.2	13.4
556.50	Lon Intl	162	- 2	1.5	28.1
70.40	Nestor-BNA	93	- 2	4.2	16.1
0.61	Premier Health	8	- 2		
43.40	Quality Care	310	- 6	2.1	11.3
168.10	Scholl	244	- 6	3.6	18.3
247.20	Seton Healthcare	490	- 5	2.0	22.7
24.90	Shield Diag	133	+ 13		
2,274.20	Smith & Neph	206	+ 2½	3.4	21.1
4.90	Specialeyes	17		5.5	0.5
175.00	Telumo	139	- 4	2.3	10.1
14.70	Tamans	3		3.0	18.0
461.80	UniChem	263	- 5	3.8	13.6
166.90	West Hillcare	294	- 15	2.4	13.5

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

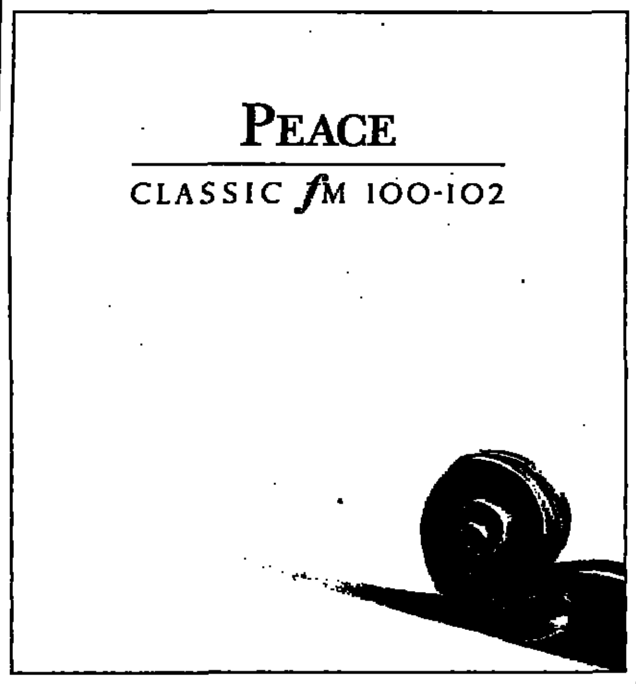
Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
57.40	Airsprung	240	- 11	2.8	17.3
116.80	Alba	245	- 5	3.1	
14.40	Armour	39	- ½	6.5	9.0
7.26	BLP Group	110	- 9	3.8	10.4
6.60	Bilston Battersea	75	+ 4		26.6
9.46	Black Arrow	38	- 1	10.2	6.6
140.90	Black (Peter)	253	- 2	2.5	16.2
58.70	Cornell Plr 'A'	133	- 3	0.8	
3.52	Creighton Nt	75		12.8	5.4
13.30	Dalepak	110		7.0	
71.70	Denby Group	214	- 9	2.0	19.5
41.70	Eclipse Blinds	104		1.2	
3.05	Ebbel	24	+ 7	4.3	8.3
7.11	Gaskell	145		3.9	12.7
183.80	IWP Intl	535		2.3	
5.94	Jourdan (T)	33		4.7	24.7
91.30	Kenwood App	199	- 9	8.5	
9.02	Lionheart	10½	+ ½		
227.60	McBride	130	- 1	6.4	13.2
65.30	Maybom	289		3.1	15.4
43.30	Osborne & Little	710		2.1	16.6
111.80	Paterson Zch	458	- 2	4.1	14.2
89.20	Paterson Zch 'A'	368	- 8	4.9	11.3
23.00	Pifco	230	- 4	2.8	14.4
15.20	Pifco 'A' Vtg	220	- 4	2.9	13.7
2,824.40	Reckitt Colm	663	- 17	3.8	15.2
61.80	Relyon	289	+ 1	3.2	17.1
139.70	Royal Doulton	254	- 14	4.2	12.5
117.00	Silentnight	250	+ 2	4.0	18.4
11.90	Stoddard	18	- 2½	5.2	
66.00	Stoves	262	- 1	2.1	20.2
14.60	Tomkinsons	225		6.4	15.4
6.39	Victoria Carpet	94		2.7	54.3
105.60	Walker Greenbk	89	- 1	5.2	16.1
548.30	Warlord Wdgwd	77½	- 3½	2.0	
4.06	Wood (Arthur)	203		4.0	12.5

INSURANCE

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
509.10	Alex & Alex	1150	- 6½	0.8	
4,685.20	Am Gen	2287½	- 62½	3.7	
138.50	Angerstein	117	- 1	3.6	60.3
28.00	Archer	74	+ 4	1.7	
44.70	Bradstock	70	- 2	10.4	13.1
1,474.60	Britannic	768		2.5	30.5
100.90	CLM Insce	117	- 1	2.9	84.4
3,889.90	Com Union	578	+ 12	6.1	7.9
95.60	Cox Insce	140			39.4
125.50	Dom & Gen	1845	- 5	2.4	17.8
85.90	FBD	212½	- 5½	4.2	
35.00	Fenchurch Grp	95½	- 2½	11.0	6.6
37.50	Finsbury Under	125	- 1	1.7	63.2
3,060.70	Gen Accident	635	+ 2	6.1	6.5
2,160.60	GRE	239	+ 2	4.7	3.2
75.00	HCG Lloyds	115		3.4	38.1
64.10	Heath C E	94	+ 3	8.0	23.7
151.80	Hibernian	265½	- 15½	4.1	
30.00	Hiscox Select	130	- 2	2.3	59.7
210.20	Independent	461	- 2	3.1	8.2
729.40	Irish Life	240	- 1	6.0	20.7
144.00	JIB Group	112	- 2	8.4	23.0
30.30	Kiln Capital	112		4.5	
3,453.10	Legal & Gen	699	+ 14	4.4	17.8
4,886.60	Liberty Life	1971½	- 59½	7.0	6.0
143.60	Lloyd Thomp	182		6.4	10.7
3,676.90	Lloyds Abbey	529	+ 14	5.1	18.3
437.80	Londn & Mnh	358	- 3	6.5	
364.00	London Ins Mkt	130	- 3½	3.3	34.3
79.50	Lowndes Lmb	133	- 3	8.2	19.8
4,349.40	Marsh McLnn	5800	- 25	3.5	
45.90	Mashead	114		3.6	38.5
85.40	Nelson Hurst	188		5.2	12.9
63.60	New London Capt	108	- 1	3.5	38.6
43.00	Oakham	85	- 2	5.1	36.3
39.30	Oriel	132		5.1	
18.40	Premium Trust	93		4.7	22.2
18.30	Prmmire Under	139	- 3		
8,247.40	Prudential	430	+ 15	4.6	10.8
6.55	PWS	21		3.3	9.7
698.40	Refuge	439	- 29	3.8	27.9
3,027.00	Royal & Sun Al	370½	- 4½	6.4	
579.40	Sedgwick	124	- 5	7.3	9.4
21.40	Steel Burrill	39		14.4	4.5
1,247.00	Sun Life & P	221½	+ 5½		
61.60	Syndicate Cap	114	+ 1	3.6	33.4
602.90	Utd Friendly	728	- 15	4.3	6.7
621.80	Willis Carroon	148	+ 3	5.6	13.4
7.10	Windsor	21	+ 1	3.0	20.2

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
2,509.10	3i	426	- 12	2.4	35.7
123.30	Aberforth Smlr	219	- ½	3.0	41.7
13.20	Aberforth Sm Wts	117	- 2		
41.20	Abtrust Emerg	82½	- 3½	0.6	
32.60	Abtrust High Inc	61½	- 2½	12.8	9.1
95.00	Abtrust N Dawn	230	- 5	0.7	
1,066.00	Alliance	2115	- 35	3.1	38.5
255.70	American Trust	307	- 1	2.3	52.0
545.90	Anglo & O'seas	478	- 6	2.0	52.7
8.14	Aust Opps	92½	- ½	0.3	
42.80	Baillie Gifford SN	134½	- 1		
328.80	Bankers	212	- 2½	2.7	42.6
78.10	Barng Em Eu	83	- 2½		
191.30	Baring Tribune	373	- 4	2.4	49.5
307.30	Br Assets	95½	- 1½	6.1	19.8
197.00	Br Empire Sec	104	- ½	1.2	78.0
695.80	Br Invt	223	- 2	3.1	34.6
46.40	Brazilian	74½	- 2½	2.2	
170.70	Brunner	266	- 2½	2.8	41.9
59.90	BZW Conv	117	+ 1	8.3	14.7
107.10	Candover	478	+ 1	3.5	28.8
126.00	Central Euro Grwth	63	- 2½	0.8	
53.20	Contl Asset	219	- 1	1.7	
4.89	Danae Inv Inc	57		16.6	
53.40	Derby Cap	348	- 7		
17.10	Derby Inc	145		16.7	7.5
213.40	Dunedin Inc G	687	- 3	5.2	23.3
16.60	Dunedin Japan	82	- 2½		
56.80	Dunedin Smlr	338	- 3	3.3	43.4
1.56	Dunedin Wts	19½	- 1½		
209.70	Dunedin Wwde	805	- 19	1.5	70.2
254.10	Edin Dragon	94	- 2½		
22.00	Edinburgh Inca	26½			
937.20	Edinburgh	319	- 3½	3.9	27.7
52.50	EFM Japan	152½	- 3½		
679.60	Electra Invt	392	- 2	2.5	62.6
214.20	Electric Gen	257	- 2½	1.8	63.0
1.86	English Scot	141	- 2		
98.30	Eurodisn Asset	394	- 5	1.6	57.8
85.00	Fidlty Asian Val	92½	+ ½		
113.80	Fidlty Euro Val	218½	+ ½	0.3	
79.50	Fidlty Jap Val	75½	- 1	0.2	
45.00	Fidlty Spec Val	122½	- 3½	0.5	
38.40	Finsbury 'A'	180	- 1	2.5	
172.50	Fine Art Chile	188½	- 2½	1.7	53.1
0.57	Fine Art Wts	32½	- 1½		
22.80	Fleming Amer	321	- 6	1.0	
40.60	Fleming Cap	101	- 2½		
35.40	Fleming Chinese	58½	- ½	1.1	68.6
2.88	Fleming Ch Wts	24	- 1½		
145.40	Fleming Claver	263	- 8	2.9	33.1
248.80	Fleming Contl	387	- 4	1.3	
128.30	Fleming Em Mkts	132½	- 1½		
95.20	Fleming Enlp	238	- 7	2.2	44.4
500.50	Fleming F East	331	- 8	0.5	
56.20	Fleming Fledg	446	- 7	0.8	
32.20	Fleming Hi Inc	99½	- ½	6.0	18.9
84.50	Fleming Income	105		11.3	11.1
33.90	Fleming Indian	58½	- ½		
4.45	Fleming In Wts	26½	- 1		
28.20	Fleming Intl	38	- 1	12.3	10.4
489.30	Fleming Japan	295	+ ½		
447.20	Fleming Merc	309½	- 6½	3.1	32.9
43.30	Fleming Nat Res	105½	- 3½	0.6	
440.90	Fleming Oseas	332	- 1	1.7	
34.80	Fleming Smlr Co	135	- 3	4.1	29.1
1.75	Fleming Smlr Wt	36	- 2		
1,360.30	Foreign & Col	151½	- 4	1.7	
39.30	F&C Inc Gwth	91	- 2	4.7	26.7
190.70	F&C Eng Mkts	101½	- 1½		
99.40	F&C Enterprise	105½	- ½	1.4	64.9
183.50	F&C Eurotst	294½	- 5½	0.5	
52.50	F&C German	133½	+ ½	0.6	
429.50	F&C Pacific	186½	- 3	1.2	64.5
81.40	F&C PEP	138	- 2½	3.6	32.2
187.80	F&C Smaller	179½	- 3	1.6	71.5
66.30	F&C US Smlr	132	+ 2		
2.17	Fulcrum Cap	13½	- ½		
3.76	Fulcrum Inc	29			2.7
14.70	Fulcrum Zero	170	+ ½		
110.50	Gartmore Brit	221	- 1	4.1	
8.40	Gartmore Enl	209		2.4	45.1
33.30	Gartmore Euro	187	- 3	0.8	
24.00	Gartmore Shrd	70½	- 4½	17.6	7.0
42.50	G'more Smlr Cos	295	- 4	2.4	51.4
41.00	Geared Inc Inv	72	- 2	15.0	7.9
31.50	Genl Cons Cap	174	- 6		
38.40	Genl Ins	106		11.7	10.2
39.40	German Inv	100½	+ 1½	0.6	
85.50	Gov Asn Sm Cos	228	+ 4	0.3	
37.70	Gov Eng Mkts	105½	- ½	0.4	
50.30	Govett Am Smlr	202	- 10		
20.40	Gov Glob Smlr	93½	- ½		
33.00	Govett High Inc	69		10.1	11.6
693.60	Govett Oriental	193	- 3½	0.4	
316.20	Govett Strategic	322	- 10	3.7	42.0
56.10	Greenfriar	463½	- 9½	1.9	55.4
0.47	Gresham House	11			2.0
52.00	GT Inc Growth	86½	- ½		
139.80	GT Japan	224	+ 6	0.7	
81.00	Gvin Fl Ex Inc	81	- 1	11.9	
13.98	Henderson Am Cp	37	- 1½		
7.58	Henderson Am Inc	101	- 1	9.7	11.3
1.01	Henderson Am Wt	13½			
26.20	Hend High	108	- 3	7.0	16.5
76.80	Hend Strats	449	- 19	0.4	
89.10	Herald	136	- 5	0.6	
	Herald C	82	- 7		
30.00	High Income T	88	- 1	9.1	
121.30	H Govett Smlr	143½	- 5	2.0	60.9
105.10	HTR Jap Smaller	105	+ ½		
0.98	I&S Enl	12	- 1½		
40.90	I&S UK Smlr	141	- 1½	2.6	32.3
331.50	Inv Cap	134	- 1	4.9	23.7
46.00	Intl Biotech	120	+ 5	1.0	
	Inv Wts	41	+ 3		
28.40	Intl C	98	- 1		
108.40	INVESCO Asiat	97½	- 1½	0.8	
5.69	INVESCO Bluet	45	- 3	23.3	4.6
111.70	INVESCO Eng Intl	168	- 4	0.7	56.7
23.70	INVESCO Jap Dis	85	- ½	0.4	
37.10	INVESCO Korea	111½	- ½		
61.70	INVESCO Tokyo	55	+ ½		
28.60	J Fry 2nd U	71	- 2	12.1	8.9
7.99	J Fry Euro U	75	- 2	7.4	13.7
154.30	JF Fledg Jap	245	- 2		
28.80	Jupiter Ex Inc	77½	- 1½	12.6	8.5
0.36	Jupiter Ex IncW	6			
10.40	Jupiter Eng Cap	74		12.4	8.2
9.45	Jupiter Grd Ptd	27	- 1		
30.20	Jupiter Intl Gro	120	+ 1	3.9	
219.10	Klnwt Chrt	270½	- 2	2.6	47.5
33.00	Klnwt E Mkt	116½	- 1½		
44.10	Klnwt End	147	- 5		
451.30	Klnwt Euro Prvt	90½	- 1½	3.1	38.9
26.50	Klnwt Euro Wts	26½	- 1½		
22.80	Klnwt H Inc	78	- 3	14.1	8.2
218.50	Klnwt O'seas	272½	- 2	1.8	72.6
20.50	Klnwt Smlr	155	- 6	2.7	45.9
129.00	Korea-Euro	525	- 6½	0.1	
92.50	Latin American	102½	- 4½		
214.10	Law Debenture	931	- 12	3.0	33.2
28.18	Lloyds Sm Cap	114½	- ½		
5.70	Lloyds Sm Div	23½	- ½	20.7	6.0
34.10	Lloyds Sm Ptg	139	- 1	3.5	
49.90	Lon St Lawrence	152	- 1	5.1	25.5
70.60	Lowland	298	- 7	4.4	26.4
59.80	M&G 2nd Dual Cp	598	- 10		
9.10	M&G 2nd Dual Int	91	- 1½		3.3
138.00	M&G Dual Cap	3058	- 35		
11.10	M&G Dual Inc	183			2.0
56.40	M&G Inc Geared	56	- ½	11.8	
60.00	M&G Inc Inv Tst Cp	28	- ½		
60.40	M&G Inc Inv Tst Inc	27½		23.9	
180.80	M&G Inc Package	124		5.3	
189.40	M&G Inc Zero Div	68½			
30.30	M&G Rec Cap	22½	- 1		
462.70	M&G Rec Geared	46½	- 1½	11.6	
33.00	M&G Rec Inc	24½	- ½	21.9	4.5
156.00	M&G Rec Pacge	139	- 3	3.9	
125.90	M&G Rec Zero Div	93½			
31.30	M Curle Euro	137½	- 1	0.7	
21.30	M Curle Japan	101	- 2		
84.00	M Curle Pac	156	- 3½	0.7	
117.90	Majedie	225	- 7	3.5	34.6
249.10	Merchants	243½	+ 1½	6.7	20.1
529.20	Mercury Euro Pv	99	- ½	2.4	38.2
32.80	Mercury Eur Wt	28½	- 1		
411.10	Mercury World	95½		1.3	72.9
13.60	Mercury Wld Wts	16			
452.40	Moorgt Inv Tst	583	- 8	2.1	44.7
54.10	Morg Gren Inc	157½	- 3½	4.1	25.9
2.59	Morg Wts	55½	- 4		
45.30	Morg Lan Amer	70½	- 1½	0.5	
3.14	Morg Wts	24½			
32.80	Murray Euro	123	- 3	2.5	46.5
8.87	Murray Eml Wts	18	- 1		
55.20	Murray Emg Eco	86	- 1½	1.3	76.9
2.26	Murray Em Ec Wt	22½	- ½		
22.80	Murray Euro	67½	- ½	0.7	
287.40	Murray Income	345	- 3	4.3	28.4
479.60	Murray Intl	398	- 6	1.9	29.2
12.30	Murray S/C OP	191½	+ ½		
7.67	Murray S/C Cap	137	- 1		
5.44	Murray S/C Inc	68		20.9	6.0
1.58	Murray S/C Uts	3050	- 50	0.5	
260.30	Murray Small	464	- 7	1.4	
91.80	Murray Vent	371½	- ½	4.1	30.4
3.26	Newmarkets	9	+ ½		
20.00	Nwthmg Inc	51		12.0	9.3
15.60	Nwtmg Cap	63	- 2		
144.00	O'seas Inv Tst	378	- 2	1.2	
3.20	O seas Wts	178	- 3		
161.70	Pacific Assets	124½	- 2	0.4	
30.40	Perpetual Jap	83	+ 1		
17.30	Perpt Uk Sm Co	332	- 10	0.9	70.1
24.70	Personal Assets	£133½	- 250	2.2	42.6
48.80	Pilot Inv	110	- 5	2.3	44.9
83.30	Prolific Inc	119	- 1½	4.9	27.6
423.30	RIT Cap Ptnr	234	- 8	0.9	
	Robeco	467	- 9	2.9	
	Rolinco	498	- 14	1.5	
146.70	Schrd Asia Pac	104½	- 2½		
87.80	Schrod Inc Gwth	111	- 3	4.5	
105.60	Schrod Jap Gwth	84½	+ ½		
50.10	Schrod Korea	759½	- 13½		
1.96	Schrod Medim	356	- 3	0.7	
5.65	Schrod Spl Cap	30	- ½		
58.80	Schrod Spl Inc	100		10.2	11.7
50.50	Schrod Spl Zero	133½	+ ½		
272.40	Schrod UK Gwth	139½	- 3	3.0	24.1
742.50	Scot	262	- 2	2.8	45.4
375.60	Scot American	168	- ½	3.9	29.8
62.40	Scot Asian	297	- 4		
5.60	Scot Wts	800	- 25		
608.30	Scot Eastern	96	- ½	2.3	49.9
945.00	Scot Mtge	262	- 2½	2.2	44.2
145.30	Scot Natl Tst	91	- 1½	10.9	11.7
54.80	Scot Value	109	- 2	2.3	51
363.80	Second Alliance	1895	- 35	3.1	39.3
294.70	Secs Tst of Scot	92	- ½	4.9	24.6
26.30	Shires Smlr	135	- 3	5.3	21.4
122.80	St Andrew Inv	357	- 9	3.2	38.6
192.60	Temple Bar	336	- 6	5.4	20.7
139.80	Thrgtn Asian E	117	- 2		
1.82	Throg Dual Cp	52	- 2		
227.10	Throgmorton	74½	- 1½	3.8	41.7
541.70	Tpltnn Emg Mkt	134½	- 2½	0.7	
333.40	TR City Of Lon	156	- 1	4.6	
146.10	TR Euro Growth	250½	+ 1½	0.8	
85.30	TR Far East	177	- 4½	4.5	28.9
31.30	TR High Inc	112½	- 1½	7.1	17.0
239.50	TR Pacific	112½	- 5½	0.2	
141.20	TR Property	30		4.1	22.2
386.70	TR Smlr Cos	217	- 4	2.2	53.2
89.40	TR Tech Inv	246	- 12	1.4	
19.80	Torlay Trust	200	- 3	1.4	68.1
97.80	Undervalued Ast	127	- 6½	2.3	46.7
57.20	Value Inc Tst	126½	- 1½	4.3	28.7
8.74	Voyageur Er Sm	86½	- 1½	0.8	
26.00	Warrants & Val	32½	- 1		
13.40	Wigmore	66	- 4	1.6	70.7
957.00	Witan	255	- 5	3.2	37.7
20.40	Yeoman Inc	83	+ 1	23.2	4.9



LEISURE & HOTELS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
668.30	Airtours	491	- 9	3.6	14.1
44.40	Ald Leis	38	- 3		14.5
53.10	Arcadian	48	- 2	2.6	76.1
11.70	BS Group	185	+ 15	3.0	
22.90	Baldwin	120	+ 1	4.7	8.4
35.20	Ban & Wall	236	- 1	5.8	17.8
106.70	Bluebird Toys	234	- 13	4.8	9.0
142.70	Boosey Hwks	728		1.2	34.8
12.00	Brent Walker	3½			
35.40	Burndene	53½	- ½	7.3	13.2
220.00	Capital Corpn	220	- 2	4.6	25.4
17.20	Clubhaus	7	- ½		13.0
64.30	Eurocamp	180	- 15	7.8	8.4
1,315.90	Euro Disney	172	+ 2		
22.10	Euro Leisure	167	+ 3		4.6
3.62	Farringford	13½			
122.60	First Choice	51½	- 12½	7.1	
576.20	Flat Leisure	352	- 10½	2.8	20.3
35.40	Friendly Hotels	168	+ 3	4.2	22.4
6,774.00	Granada	796	- 27	1.9	19.3
20.30	Hi-Tec Sports	40	- 5		16.1
16.80	Hornby	201	- ½	2.7	
115.40	Hoseock	485	- 15	2.3	17.8
114.60	Jurys Hotel	269½	- 8½	3.8	
63.40	Kewick	27½	- 1	3.0	22.9
2,147.30	Ladbroke	184	- 3	4.1	28.6
378.10	London Clubst	534	- 9	3.6	17.7
394.30	Man Utd	427	- 15	1.4	13.8
626.50	Mandarin Orntl	89½	- 1	4.0	19.3
449.80	Millennium & Cop	311	- 11	1.9	
60.50	Northern	125	- 2	4.0	14.2
12.40	Prism Leisure	146	+ 7	5.1	
31.50	Queensborough	31			
63.80	Queens Moat	16½	- 1		5.1
3,974.60	Rank Org	476	+ 7	4.1	15.3
28.80	Ryan Hotels	44	- 1	4.4	
384.10	Savoy Hotel 'A'	1343	+ 13	1.3	54.0
40.50	Sleeper (Wm)	186	- 10	5.2	12.0
329.80	Stakis	109	- 3	3.3	21.2
283.70	Stanley Leisure	481	- 12	1.7	23.7
13.20	Tandem	14	- 1½		
1,300.10	Tanjong	346		1.5	
90.80	Tollesline Hot	454	- 20	1.2	8.3
19.60	Toy Options	98	- 2	3.3	12.3
133.00	VCI	342	- 7	2.5	19.8
147.70	Vardon	113		1.8	15.0
181.20	Wembley	333	- 13		74.9
8.18	Zetters Gp	124		10.1	10.5

MEDIA

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
219.00	Abbott Mead	584	- 18	1.9	30.7
37.80	Adscene	174	- 2	6.1	9.0
466.40	Aegis Gp	56½	+ ½		20.3
1.33	BBB Design	16			
52.80	Barbour Index	367	- 13	3.1	55.2
5.86	Bidside	6	- ½		
5.13	Black (A&C)	330		5.3	12.9
394.70	Blenheim Gp	424	+ 1	3.1	20.5
27.50	Border TV	270	- 1	2.7	
66.80	Bristol	410		4.3	21.9
8,324.80	BSkyB	484	+ 6	1.3	44.8
65.80	CIA Gp	159	- 7	1.1	21.2
36.20	Caledonian Med	24			
451.90	Capital Radio	619	- 25	2.2	23.3
2,756.00	Carlton Comm	476	- 7	2.6	16.1
134.00	Chrysalis	498	- 20	0.7	

MINING

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,155.70	Ang Am Coal	4567½	- 37½	3.2	
8,908.30	Ang Am	3812½	- 68½	2.2	
1,388.80	Ang Am Gold	5753½	- 121½	2.8	
18.40	Anglo Pac Resc	22½			
94.20	Arcoo Ind	34	- 1		
942.10	Ashanti	1121½	- 93½	2.2	14.5
251.70	Ashton	90	+ 8	6.3	
113.90	Baiyrchk	364	- 1		
523.90	Beatrix	557½	+ 34	3.5	
3.46	Brascia	33		2.9	40.1
27.50	Blyvoors	114½	- 11½		
108.30	Bougainvile	27	- 1		
2.26	Bracken	18½		4.6	
1.24	Bune	1½			
5,917.70	CRA	821	- 4	3.3	20.0
225.70	Central Pacific	225	- 20		
8.55	Cons Murchison	137	+ 1	3.8	4.4
8,174.40	De Beers	2150	- 6½	2.3	25.3
66.30	Deelkraal	66½	- 7½	11	
1,730.30	Driefontein	848½	- 53½	2.5	
56.50	Durban	614	- 46½		
65.00	E Rand Gold	141½	- 39½	13.5	7.4
48.20	E Rand Prop	36½	- 4		
86.30	Eastern Trans	100		1.2	
364.30	Elandsrand	375½	- 2½	2.4	42.5
757.50	Eng China Cl	247	- 12	8.5	11.6
802.60	FS Cons	674½	- 30	1.2	
8.83	FS Dev	40		2.6	
1,757.90	GFSA	1872½	- 131½	1.8	29.5
669.80	GM Kalgoorli	69	+ 5	3.0	
3,227.40	Gencor	232½	+ ½	1.3	24.7
12.40	Gold Fields Propt	121	+ 1	7.3	3.1
15.40	Greenwick R 'A'	13½	- 1		8.1
17.10	Grootvlei	149½	- 15½	3.5	32.2
96.80	Gwalia Cons	156	- 4½	0.7	28.2
179.30	Harmony	667	- 33½	0.9	
238.90	Hartest	213½	- 16	6.8	
569.50	Impala Ptat	900		2.5	17.9
105.00	Indian	84	- 3	14.3	7.5
138.10	Kinross	768½	- 37½	1.5	
880.10	Kloof	642½	- 58½	2.3	
14.00	Leslie	87½	+ ½	5.1	
39.30	Loraine	240½	- 41½		
28.40	Meekatharra	33	- 4		
1,283.20	MIM	80	+ 1	3.2	
3,267.00	Minorco	1450		2.8	
60.80	Monarch	105	- 7		
9.48	Montearge	145	- 10	3.1	35.6
33.50	NSM	55	+ 1	3.4	
1,244.20	Nth Bdn Hill	179	- 5	3.1	24.5
62.50	Petaling Tin	310		0.3	
524.10	Placer Pac	84	+ 3	3.7	
793.60	RJB	515	- 25	3.9	7.6
9,597.80	RTZ	897	- 19	3.7	13.0
15.10	Raclowod	58		6.5	9.2
67.40	Rand Mines	113	- 7	10.7	9.4
237.10	Randfontein	387½	- 15	4.9	28.9
593.60	Rellson	295	- 5	1.7	11.5
1,340.20	Rustnbrg	1050	+ 68½	3.1	23.0
75.50	St Barbara	38	- 2	4.3	8.4
34.20	St Helena	355½	- 15	5.0	16.8
299.80	Sons Gwalia	415	- 5	3.1	25.0
255.90	Sthern Pacific	92	- 3		
600.70	Southvaal	2309½	- 71½	3.0	33.0
8.97	Stilfontein	68½	+ ½	6.4	19.4
72.40	Unisel	258½	- 7	3.1	26.6
1,068.50	Vaal Reefs	5590½	- 149½	2.9	34.5
17.00	Wankie Col Z	16½		9.0	
11.00	Water Hall	1½			
108.70	Watts Blake	520	+ 5	3.7	16.4
727.60	Western Deep	2625	- 112½	2.0	49.5
4,906.70	Western Mng	444½	+ 8½	2.3	25.6
74.80	Winkels	612½	+ 3½	2.4	32.1
42.10	Zambia Copper	34½			
50.80	Zandpan	39	- 1	6.4	

OIL & GAS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
86.40	Abbot Group	74	- 1	1.5	
6.31	Alliance Res	1½			
	Aus Oil & Gas	43½	- ½		
10.40	Aviva Pet	33			
337.20	Br Borneo	534	- 7	1.8	25.0
8,193.30	British Gas	186	- 3	9.7	9.3
32,947.00	Br Petroleum	587½	- 10½	3.5	17.3
40.60	Bula Resources	2½			
2,099.40	Burmah Castrl	995	- 20	4.2	14.9
258.70	Cairn Energy	279	- 8		
395.40	Calor Gp	235	- 6	8.6	15.5
262.10	Clyde Pet	84	- 1½	2.2	20.9
13.70	Copier Res	8½			
67.10	Dragon Oil	7½	- ½		
8.96	Edin Oil & Gs	20		1.6	13.9
2,410.70	Enterprise	488	+ 10	4.1	26.7
94.60	Fortune	8½			44.5
18.10	Gt Western Res	16	- 1		
295.60	Hardy Oil	260	- 2	0.5	
8.64	Int Tool & Sup	4½			
118.50	JKX Oil & Gas	171	- 7		
1,777.40	LASMO	184	+ 10	0.7	
2.91	Lasmo Units	41		21.5	
429.30	Monument	64½	+ 1½		35.7
6,903.90	Norsk Hydro	3012½	- 21½	2.0	9.0
9.26	Oceonics	21	+ 2		
202.00	Oil Search	65	+ 1		
	Petroz	37½	+ 1½		
293.90	Premier	29½	- ½	2.2	11.1
22.50	Pittencrieff Rs	38	- 5	1.8	
113.70	Ramco Egy	560	+ 5	0.2	
462.80	Ranger	470	- 5	4.4	7.8
52,928.70	Royal Dtch Pt	9871½	- 40½	3.7	19.2
12,937.80	Schlmberger	5316½	- 403½	1.8	
49.40	Seafield	72	- 2		
30,945.50	Shell	933½	- 12½	4.5	19.5
10,385.40	Total	4587½	- 62½	3.4	16.6
2,620.00	Woodside	393	- 4	1.0	
28.30	XCL	15	- 3		

OTHER FINANCIAL

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
83.70	Aberdeen Tst	96	- 4	3.6	18.9
21.80	BWD	111	- 1	6.1	12.0
2.50	Beny Bch Mbrt	40		2.5	
171.10	Biotec Inv	288	- 15		
43.80	Brewin Dolphin	198	- 2	4.4	13.9
623.80	Caledonia	748	- 23	3.0	24.2
60.00	Camellia	2400		1.7	20.0
320.60	Cattles	234	- 8	3.7	16.8
8.73	Christie	37	- 4		
58.20	EFT Group	115	+ 2	2.3	13.7
198.20	EFM	639	- 35	4.9	15.6
407.20	Exco	87	- 3	12.9	10.5

BRITISH FUNDS

Stock Outstanding (£m)	Stock	Price £	Wkly +/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)					
1,200	Treas 2% 1996	219	+	0.91	5.48
3,400	Conv 10% 1996	101	-	9.87	5.56
1,080	Treas 7% 1997	101		6.91	6.72
1,250	Treas 13¼% 1997	103	-	12.78	6.62
3,700	Exch 10½% 1997	102	-	10.21	5.60
5,550	Treas 8¾% 1997	103		8.49	5.85
839	Exch 15% 1997	111	-	13.51	5.87
3,550	Exch 9¾% 1998	105	-	9.28	6.13
8,150	Treas 7¼% 1998	101	-	7.14	6.23
1,200	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	100		6.72	6.49
970	Treas 14% 1996-01	112	-	12.37	6.82
935	Treas 15½% 1998	118	-	13.11	6.41
3,909	Exch 12% 1998	111	-	10.76	6.60
1,900	Treas 9½% 1999	106	-	8.93	6.64
3,050	Exch 12¼% 1999	113	-	10.81	6.73
1,252	Treas 10½% 1999	108	-	9.69	6.78
6,050	Treas 6% 1999	97	-	6.14	6.81
1,798	Conv 10¼% 1999	109	-	9.34	6.93
5,358	Conv 9% 2000	106	-	8.48	7.02
7,880	Treas 8% 2000	102	-	7.75	7.14
3,171	Treas 13% 2000	120	-	10.83	7.12
4,406	Treas 10% 2001	110	-	9.05	7.25
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)					
10,750	Treas 7% 2001	98	-	7.10	7.32
6,527	Treas 9¾% 2002	110	-	8.80	7.50
8,600	Treas 8% 2003	102	-	7.83	7.57
2,503	Treas 10% 2003	112	-	8.87	7.62
1,620	Treas 11½% 2001-04	115	-	9.92	7.38
543	Fund 3½% 1999-04	80	+	4.33	6.82
3,412	Conv 9½% 2004	110	-	8.61	7.77
6,500	Treas 6¾% 2004	93	-	7.20	7.78
8,800	Treas 8½% 2005	104	-	8.14	7.83
4,842	Conv 9½% 2005	110	-	8.61	7.83
2,200	Treas 12½% 2003-05	139	-	8.91	7.75
9,800	Treas 7¾% 2006	97	-	7.71	7.80
3,900	Treas 7¾% 2006	98	-	7.85	7.93
2,000	Treas 8% 2002-06	100	-	7.96	7.89
3,150	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	120	-	9.75	7.68
7,307	Treas 8½% 2007	103	-	8.18	7.86
1,250	Treas 13½% 2004-08	132	-	10.18	7.76
5,621	Treas 9% 2008	107	-	8.37	8.01
3,450	Treas 8% 2009	99	-	8.04	8.06
LONGS (over 15 years)					
4,750	Treas 6¼% 2010	84	-	7.42	8.13
5,273	Conv 9% 2011	107	-	8.37	8.12
5,360	Treas 9% 2012	107	-	8.38	8.15
1,000	Treas 5½% 2008-12	77	-	7.06	7.93
6,100	Treas 8% 2013	98	-	8.14	8.19
800	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	95	-	8.18	8.21
9,500	Treas 8% 2015	98	-	8.15	8.19
7,550	Treas 8¾% 2017	105	-	8.33	8.24
1,000	Exch 12% 2013-17	133	-	8.96	8.28
6,000	Tr 8% 2021	97	-	8.08	8.20
UNDATED					
1,908	War Ln 3½%	42	-	8.26	
475	Treas 2½%	29	-	8.39	
358	Consols 4%	47	+	8.39	
INDEX-LINKED on projected inflation of:				10%	5%
800	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	113	-	1.04	2.67
1,850	Treas IL 2½% 2001	180	+	2.94	3.51
1,800	Treas IL 2½% 2003	175	+	3.22	3.65
1,150	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	115	+	3.29	3.68
2,100	Treas IL 2% 2006	183	+	3.39	3.69
2,200	Treas IL 2½% 2009	165	+	3.49	3.74
2,700	Treas IL 2½% 2011	170		3.54	3.76
3,050	Treas IL 2½% 2013	140	-	3.58	3.78
3,150	Treas IL 2½% 2016	148	-	3.62	3.80
3,150	Treas IL 2½% 2020	142	-	3.68	3.82
3,050	Treas IL 2½% 2024	118	-	3.66	3.80
1,300	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	116	-	3.66	3.88

PHARMACEUTICALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,401.60	Br Biotech	2153	+ 95		
99.80	Cantab Pharms	665	+ 45		
292.10	Celltech	620	- 24		
295.90	Chiroscience	354	+ 8		
367.20	Cortecs	284	- 7		
21,434.10	Glaxo Wellcome	832	+ 16	4.2	18.1
828.90	Medeva	239		2.2	13.4
68.90	Peptide Thera	203	- 7		
536.70	Scotia	898	- 49		
148.00	Shire Pharms	243	+ 10		
253.00	SkyePharma	73	- 6		
18,749.40	SmithKline	684	- 11	2.7	19.0
122.60	Vanguard	495	- 40		
15,220.10	Zeneca	1396	- 31	2.8	22.5

PRINTING & PAPER

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
25.40	AG Holdings	152	- 2	4.7	12.8
198.30	API	670	- 5	1.9	22.2
37.20	Arj Holts	118			
1,471.70	Arjo Wiggins	179	- 3	5.2	36.1
29.00	Assoc Comm	191	- 5	4.1	11.0
143.80	Bemrose	340	- 11	5.3	10.2
129.90	Bogam	167	- 2	1.2	26.7
631.00	Bowater Inc	2268½	- 162½		
192.30	Bowater Intl	269	- 11	1.2	23.6
293.00	Br Polythene	727	- 3	2.9	15.4
3.70	Br Thornton	33	+ 1		
186.00	Brotton Grp	134	- 8	3.9	12.2
1,309.60	Bund	226	- 2	3.2	14.7
52.30	Capital Inds	178		3.7	11.6
26.50	Cropper (James)	319	- 9	1.5	24.9
1,253.60	De La Rue	604	- 6	4.9	14.2
6.45	Delyn Group	75		3.3	12.0
38.60	Dolphin Pack	165	- 1	3.9	17.9
40.70	Fairway Group	102	- 1	4.7	17.5
93.90	Ferguson Intl	230	- 4	7.2	12.2
81.00	Fiedla	269	+ 4	1.6	16.7
17.23	Inveresk	148	+ 6	6.0	13.1
110.30	James Porter	236	- 7	3.6	11.8
519.20	Low & Bonar	525		3.3	14.5
125.70	MY Holdings	93		2.8	18.1
263.20	Mcdacrlin	221	- 19	2.2	18.8
20.70	Nolto Gp	117		6.6	9.1
39.10	Portadam	372	- 2	2.2	
82.80	Plysu	169	+ 4	5.4	17.5
43.50	Porter Chadburn	36			13.2
1,833.90	REXAM	364	+ 8	4.8	14.6
443.30	St Ives Gp	443	- 10	2.5	16.1
1,031.00	Sappi	686½	+ 34½	0.6	
4.03	Seid	5½	- ½		
57.70	Sellan	84	- 3	11.2	13.9
965.30	Smith David	305	+ 16	3.1	9.9
1,819.40	Smurfit (Jeff)	169	- 3	3.1	
1.64	Somet	82	+ 5	4.6	9.7
135.30	Wace	171	- 2	4.3	10.0
252.60	Waddington (J)	242	+ 2	4.9	13.9
288.50	Watmough	423	+ 4	2.8	17.0
92.90	Wyndeham	239	- 1	3.0	19.0

PROPERTY

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
42.90	Allied Lon	61½	- 4½	8.1	6.9
210.80	Argent	349	- 4		18.3
12.00	Arlesian Ests	67	- 3	2.8	
107.80	Asda	137	- 5	2.4	22.6
10.50	Ashquay Grp	48	- 1		
18.70	Bilport	212		6.1	14.8
76.30	Birkby	179	+ 1	5.3	12.2
6.03	Bolton Gp	16			
25.60	Bourne End	42	- 1	3.6	27.0
308.30	Bradford	211	- 5	4.6	18.0
1,853.70	Br Land	430	+ 7	2.5	35.8
392.60	Brixton	168	- 1	6.5	15.3
516.70	Burford	124	- 2½	2.0	42.1
119.30	CLS Hldgs	108	+ 1	6.1	13.8
81.40	Cap & Regnl	179		1.7	21.7
1,041.60	Cap Shop Ctrs	286	+ 1	3.3	28.2
6.47	Cardiff Prop	185		1.9	26.3
33.40	Carlisle	11½	- ½		
32.30	Cathay Intl	11½			
519.70	Chelsfield	254	- 4	1.4	40.2
88.80	Chesterfield	459		3.7	22.2
83.70	Chesterton Intl	106	- 1	3.5	15.7
6.32	City Site Ests	40			
18.70	Clarke Nickolls	6½	- ½	5.2	9.1
29.40	Compco	140	+ 1	3.0	
31.30	Con Ribbat	230		3.2	25.2
195.80	Daejan	1200		3.6	
8.72	Dares Estates	1½	- ½		
20.30	Debenham Tewsn	48	- 1	3.9	
28.50	Denesa	159		3.3	11.8
197.70	Derwent Hldgs	355	+ 4	1.9	31.1
54.60	Development Sec	188	- 1	1.6	26.0
23.10	Dwyer	45		3.3	12.0
16.50	Edge Properties	101	+ 1		
21.60	Estates Agency	360		5.6	23.6
12.90	Estates Gen	55	- 2		
153.50	Evans Of Leeds	115	- ½	3.3	17.9
10.00	Ex-Lands Prop	9	- ½	6.9	
24.50	Feudl Prop	55		4.6	26.6
26.10	Five Oaks	25½	- ½	3.7	12.1
2.44	Fletcher King	28		6.7	
7.12	Follies Group	63	- 1	3.3	5.8
14.20	Follies Group nv	59	- 1	3.5	
249.70	Frogmore	484	- 4	4.7	22.8
70.60	Grainger	294	+ 1	2.8	20.4
548.60	Gt Portland	169	+ 5	6.7	17.5
179.10	Greycoat	139½	+ 4½	0.7	
275.50	Hambro Cntyw	78	- 1½		
1,024.20	Hammerson	361	- 7	3.7	23.6
63.10	Helical Bar	380	- 3	2.4	13.6
44.20	Hemingway	27	- ½	2.3	17.2
2.43	High-Point	45			
3,935.30	HK Land	145½	+ 1½	5.1	16.3
16.10	Jermyn	161		3.5	27.7
6.81	Kendall	6½			
15.80	LSH	85	- 1		
31.20	Lands Imp	120	+ 1		
3,132.40	Land Sec	613	- 4	5.3	18.1
41.70	London Indl	269		6.0	
25.80	Lon & Assoct	34½	- ½	2.6	18.5
2.62	Lon & Metro	5½			
208.10	Lon Merch Sect	85½	- 2½	6.7	
1,684.40	MEPC	402	- 8	6.2	20.7
4.52	McInerney A	7½			
30.20	McKay Secs	126		5.2	18.0
10.50	Marlyle Mw	62		8.1	6.5
20.30	Moorfield Est	29½	- 1	3.2	38.4
50.50	Mountview	1100		3.1	
116.10	Muckbow (A&J)	119	- 8	6.9	18.1
2.20	OEM	36	- 1		5.7
4.22	ORB	64			
13.40	Olives Prop	26	- 1	1.9	20.6
168.90	PSIT	137		5.1	15.0
315.20	Peel	411	- 2	2.0	
227.70	Pillar Prop	161	- 2	3.6	46.6
2.33	Power Corp	2			
13.50	Premier Land	3			
45.80	Reglan	28½	- ½	5.2	16.8
37.80	Regalian	32½		1.9	22.5
20.00	Rowlinson Secs	160		2.0	
18.90	Rugby Est	94		2.9	23.7
70.10	St Modwen Pp	59	+ 1	4.4	9.7
54.90	Saville Grdn (J)	54		7.2	
33.50	Savills	84	+ 3	4.3	
99.20	Scot Met	76		4.3	13.0
72.00	Shaftesbury	147	- 1	1.5	20.0
848.00	Slough Estates	217	- 2	4.9	19.8
21.00	Smart (J)	208	- 2	5.5	9.2
36.90	Southend Prop	34		9.4	
25.60	Specly Shops	116	- 1	2.6	35.0
276.70	TBI	76	+ 3	1.7	
60.70	Tops Ests	131		2.4	29.2
115.60	Town Centre	89		4.6	13.9
78.20	Trafford Park	114	- 2	3.7	11.7
12.60	UK Land	118	+ 7	4.4	10.8
14.70	WSP Group	59		5.2	11.3
95.50	Warner	184		8.3	17.8
81.40	Wessford	212		4.7	18.1
143.80	Wates	72½	- 1		
1.72	Whitney Mick	26	- 1		
6.23	Wood John D	76		4.2	

RETAILERS, FOOD

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
3,380.70	ASDA Group	115½	- 3	2.9	
370.70	Brake Bros	717	+ 2	1.7	20.7
71.70	Budgen	44	- 2	3.6	
4.36	Cullens	16½	- ½	3.9	44.0
926.80	Dairy Farm Intl	53	- 1½	7.3	7.6
69.80	Fairpark	301	+ ½	3.7	
141.30	Fitzwilton	56	- 5	5.4	13.2
298.80	Fyffes	106		2.0	11.3
152.80	Greggs	1340	- 20	2.4	16.9
283.10	Iceland Group	111	- 39	5.9	6.5
687.50	Kwik Save	429	- 18	5.8	9.2
1,224.40	Morrison (W)	166	- 2½	1.1	15.5
179.50	Nurdin Peack	140		6.5	20.9
159.80	Park Foods	99	- 4	3.8	
1.30	Regina Hlth	5½			
3,565.20	Safeway	329½	- 6½	4.6	13.3
6,659.20	Sainsbury J	374	+ 10	4.0	13.8
6,110.00	Tesco	288	- 6	4.2	12.6
103.20	Thorntons	160	- 3	4.1	18.3
213.60	Watson & Philip	498	- 11	4.2	14.8

RETAILERS, GENERAL

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
93.20	Alexon	162	+ 2		40.0
223.10	Allders	207	- 2	4.3	13.3
2,050.60	Argos	723	+ 11	2.4	24.6
448.30	Ashley (Laura)	189	- 8	0.3	65.3
64.50	Austin Reed	206	- 7	3.6	28.1
59.50	Beattie (J)	145	- 9	5.7	17.1
47.50	Benkils	113	- 5	2.5	56.3
112.30	Betterware	106½	- ½	3.1	19.1
59.10	Blacks Leis	186		1.5	22.8
341.60	Body Shop	178	+ 1	2.4	15.8
5,213.60	Boots	578	- 4	4.0	16.2
22.20	Brown & Jackson	18	- 2		
494.90	Brown (N)	339	- 4	2.1	23.5
2,164.90	Burton	151½	- 1	1.9	24.6
25.40	Carpetland	175		2.2	
419.00	Carpetright	531	- 40	3.6	23.8
365.20	Caudles Intl	222	+ 12	1.6	28.0
61.60	Church	473	- 2	3.8	17.5
24.90	Clinton Cards	133	- 2	4.8	10.3
31.50	Ctry Casuals	185	- 5	4.1	
213.90	Courts Furnish	873	- 25	1.1	
3.36	Crown Eye	210		6.5	8.2
507.50	DFS Furniture	487	- 32	2.2	27.2
2,136.00	Dixons Grp	511	- 27	2.1	21.3
6.86	Elys (Wimbldn)	580		4.1	
7.55	ERA Gp	6	- ½	2.1	17.5
8.73	Essex Furn	74	- 5	7.3	17.3
128.10	Etam	195	- 1	0.8	
365.80	Fine Art Dev	455	- 46	4.5	13.7
4.90	Fired Earth	86	- 4	2.9	14.2
31.40	Flying Flw Uts	173		2.3	16.4
40.10	French Conn	219		1.1	21.8
88.30	Frost Group	94	- 4	9.3	6.8
16.60	Gieves	73		3.8	13.4
69.10	Goldsmiths Gp	307	- 8	1.8	30.3
6,317.70	GUS	628	- 10	3.3	15.1
85.00	Hamleys	373	- 7	2.7	19.3
12.80	Hampton Grp	85	- 13	2.8	12.1
402.30	Hse of Fraser	175	+ 3	3.9	34.1
13.60	Hughes (T.J)	86	+ 1	5.0	20.6
44.10	Innovations	313	+ 128	0.7	12.3
236.70	JJB Sports	263	+ 8	1.4	20.3
4,114.40	Kingfisher	615	- 16	3.3	19.9
69.40	Kingsbury Grp	272	- 15	1.4	21.2
91.10	Liberty	403	- 2	8.6	
245.30	Henderson Atr	1130	- 22	5.0	19.1
515.20	Inesco	227	- 9½	2.5	15.3
12.42	Investment Co	65		6.4	13.6
86.20	Ivory Sime	272	- 4	3.9	
2,121.60	Jardine Strat	200½	- 2½	4.7	
71.20	Jovean Fn	127	- 7	3.9	6.1
96.50	Laerty Inc	355	- 3	5.1	20.2
276.80	Lon Fortaling	370	- 10	4.7	14.1
164.40	London Pacific	234	- 9	3.0	20.8
325.70	Lon Trst Shr	702	- 3	3.2	19.2
446.20	Mar ED & F	172	- 4	7.6	
229.10	M & G	1113	- 21	3.8	20.7
1,573.10	MAM	919	- 41	4.8	
86.20	Nat Home Loans	85	- 2	1.3	4.4
636.10	Perpetual	2388	- 67	2.6	20.3
1,135.10	Provident	419	- 23	4.2	16.7
78.00	Rathbone Brs	312	- 5	4.0	14.6
125.20	Rutland Trst	50½	- 1	3.0	18.4
12.10	SEC Group	74	- 3	7.2	
47.30	S & U	401	+ 9	5.0	10.6
319.70	S/P Capital	115	- 1	3.6	7.9
5,451.70	Swire Pacific	501½	+ 19½	2.2	22.1
5.51	Tawry Low	38	- 6	3.2	
4.59	Trio Hdgs	5½			
596.30	Lloyds Chem	491	+ 14	2.7	18.4
1,048.00	MFI	182	- 3	3.1	
13,634.30	Marks Spencer	484	+ 3	2.9	19.9
27.46	Menzies (John)	547	- 21	3.2	13.4
15.30	Merchant Retail	18	- ½		
224.80	Moss Bros	1270	- 5	1.8	28.9
1,078.50	Next	539	- 21	2.8	25.7
10.40	Owen (G)	41	- 2		
254.00	Orchidine Intl	475	- 24	3.2	
16.60	Partridge Fine	75		4.9	12.4
15.40	QS Hldgs	39	- 6	6.0	
44.50	Rhino Grp	17	+ ½		
58.80	Ratners	248	- 2	2.8	30.1
1,477.90	Sears	97	- ½	6.1	
66.70	Signet Group	22½	- 2½		
1,298.70	Smith WH	482	- 25½	4.2	26.8
307.00	Sothebys	905	- 10	1.7	24.3
1,196.90	Storehouse	285	- 20	3.2	16.2
51.60	Stylo	114	- 2	5.3	17.0
143.60	T & S Stores	200	- 9	4.4	11.9
82.30	Tie Rack	159½		2.2	15.9
6.47	Upton & South	3½			
4,158.20	Vendome	536	- 19	2.2	
39.30	WEW Group	27	- 2	1.6	
260.80	Welsh	69		3.8	
10.00	Wild of Leather	83	- 1	2.4	
78.00	Wyevale	201	- 1	3.3	17.3

SUPPORT SERVICES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,631.50	ADT	1175	- 145		
164.30	Alpha Airpts	98	- 6	6.4	10.6
12.30	Alphameric	39			
45.40	Auto Sec	38	- 3		
2,206.30	BET Ord	232	- 4	2.3	33.2
38.10	BNB Res	177	- 2	4.5	10.5
101.10	BPP	393		3.7	19.6
51.60	BSM	185		4.7	13.3
297.50	BTG	1780	- 70	0.3	
127.80	Bettnd	450	- 25		
3.31	Br Bloodstock	93		2.0	
39.80	Brit Data Mgt	159	- 2	4.2	33.0
12.20	Brooks Service	102	- 1	3.7	17.4
221.50	Business Post	483	+ 10½	2.3	26.7
399.00	CMG	625	+ 1	0.8	29.7
103.40	CRT Gp	193	- 6	3.1	23.6
9.77	Card Gp	362	+ 9		
300.60	Capita Group	557	+ 16	1.4	30.4
3.93	Cardinal Bus	15	- 2		
1.23	Chemex	8	+ 1½	2.3	13.9
936.70	Chubb Sect	333	+ 1	3.2	
233.10	Corp Services	186	+ 4	2.6	16.6
25.90	Coulls Corlig	53	+ 1	4.7	21.1
29.00	DCS Gp	151	+ 23	1.2	33.7
273.20	Davis Service	265	+ 10	4.4	14.1
132.60	Delph	520	- 10	1.1	20.4
19.20	Dudley Jenkins	144	+ 2	3.2	19.4
11.60	EW Fact	64	- 4	1.5	12.7
30.70	Et Data Prct	79	- 3	3.4	11.4
112.60	FI Group	379	- 9	1.4	
1,828.50	Hays	445	- 20	2.1	31.8
249.90	Hogg Robinson	285	+ 4	3.8	14.1

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
22,717.50	BT	359	+ 7½	6.7	11.0
9,505.00	Cable Wireless	427	+ 17	2.9	16.2
46.30	Euro Telecom	149	+ 1		
433.30	General Cable	171	- 5		
824.20	NYNEX Cable	99	- 4		
2,252.20	Orange	188	- 2½		
1,560.00	Securicor	280	- 1	0.2	
1,297.80	TeleWest	140	- 14		
6,926.40	Vodafone	226½	- 2½	2.2	22.7

TEXTILES & APPAREL

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
2.05	Abilon	54	+ 1½	4.2	28.1
45.00	Alexdra W	133	- 4	6.1	12.3
144.90	Allied Text	205	- 3	4.5	12.4
211.10	Baird (Wm)	182	+ 3½	6.4	33.9
15.20	Bridport-Gndry	143	- 2	3.3	15.7
18.20	Br Mohair	137	- 2	8.2	12.3
2.91	Campari	28			
6.24	Chamb Phipps	14			0.8
119.20	Claremont Ga	218	- 6	5.5	13.9
1,194.10	Coats Viyella	170	- 2	6.5	12.7
351.20	Courtauld Text	339	- 9	5.6	11.6
138.80	Dawson	71	- 6	5.3	21.0
248.90	Dewhirst (IJ)	191	- 3	3.4	16.4
4.22	Dibble Heal	33		5.7	9.0
8.06	Drummond	38	+ 2	5.1	13.2
3.04	Faupel	25	+ 3	9.6	
29.30	FII	180		9.7	
6.98	Forminster	72	- 1	6.0	7.0
1.12	Foster (John)	10			
6.96	French	59	- 2	7.8	13.7
21.40	Gent SR	59	- 6	5.3	5.4
27.20	Haggas	124	- 2	3.5	17.1
32.40	Hallstone	10	- ½	4.0	
12.90	Helene Plc	6½		8.3	
78.80	Hicking Pntcst	333	- 17	2.4	16.2
11.40	Hollas	8½		8.2	
2.18	Honeysuckle	26	- 1	3.6	
26.10	Horace Small	76	- 3		7.4
6.17	Jacques Vert	65		13.0	4.3
8.42	Jerome (S)	73	- 9	3.6	9.5
75.80	Jones Stroud	438	- 26	3.0	
17.00	Lambert	123		7.2	
85.80	Lamont	285	- 3	5.6	14.1
74.40	Leeds	205	- 4	4.1	12.3
19.20	Leslie Wise Gp	55		9.7	32.0
3.67	Lyles (S)	51			
34.10	Marling	18½		4.7	
6.57	PEX	8½	+ 3		
23.00	Parkland	168	+ 3	4.5	
419.50	Pentland	116	- 2	3.6	18.2
13.70	Pittards	63	- 1	3.0	
114.30	Readicut	58	- 1½	7.4	16.7
17.60	Rexmore	89	+ 1	4.9	
13.80	Richards	58	- 1	4.2	
2.65	SEET	53			
78.60	Sherwood Gp	70	- 2	6.4	7.9
6.67	Shiloh	115		4.2	12.3
41.20	Sirdar	76	- 2	9.0	32.2
40.30	Stirling Gp	46	- 1	6.2	9.8
23.00	Strong & Fisher	13½		9.3	11.1
7.70	UK Safety	20	- 2	5.0	
15.10	Usher (Frank)	207	- 1	6.3	10.0
7.90	Wearsum	104	- 1	6.0	9.5
31.90	Yorklyde	285	- 5	3.5	11.7

TRANSPORT

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
10.60	Air London	118	- 7	4.6	10.2
9,648.10	All Nippon Air	659½	+ 13½	0.3	
1,016.00	Assoc Br Ports	266	- 14	3.1	15.2
5,175.00	BAA	500	+ 15	2.8	17.2
4,987.20	Br Airways	520	- 7	3.3	10.9
12.30	Central Tran R	11			
21.70	Clarkson (H)	97	- 5	3.9	6.8
68.30	Clydeport	168	+ 3	3.3	12.7
38.70	Dart	242	+ 4	3.1	14.1
498.90	Eurotunnel Uts	108½	+ 8½		
468.90	FirstBus	151	- 6½	3.6	21.0
31.30	Fisher (James)	130	- 3	1.9	11.8
250.00	Forth Ports	550	- 30	2.3	19.0
129.70	Go-Ahead	285	- 3	2.2	12.7
206.00	Goode Durrant	380	- 19	2.9	
42.00	Intl Steam	140	- 4	4.1	
144.60	Irish Cont	573	- 15	0.9	14.5
55.30	Jacobs	80	- 2	2.0	23.0
70.90	Lon O'Seas Frts	97		0.7	19.7
313.60	Mersey Docks	350	- 6	4.1	14.4
1,343.10	NFC	183	+ 5	4.6	24.5
446.30	Natl Express	463	- 5	2.7	13.1
695.80	Ocean Group	446	- 18	4.0	19.7
34.90	Ocean Wilson	88		5.1	4.9
3,022.90	P & O Dfd	498	+ 15	7.7	13.1
100.60	P & O 5.5%	151	+ 5	4.6	
2,065.00	Railtrack (F/P)	213	- 1½	6.4	7.4
11.90	Seacon	48		5.7	22.2
145.10	Serveair	361	- 7	1.5	33.8
729.10	Stagecoach	434	+ 7	1.7	25.4
40.30	TLS	89	- 1	3.8	13.3
377.40	TNT	66	+ 4		
264.90	Tibbet & Britn	598	- 7	3.4	33.8
295.10	TDG	199	- 2	6.0	14.5
29.40	Uglandi	75	- 2½	6.1	10.5
91.50	Utd Carriers	88	- 5	4.3	

WATER

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,468.80	Anglian	545	+ 9	6.9	7.0
954.60	Hyder	678	- 17	7.1	8.8
129.00	Hyder Cm Pdt	97½	+ ½	10.1	
103.50	Mid Kent Hdgs	602	+ 4	5.0	10.3
1,988.20	Severn Trent	543	+ 19	7.5	6.1
154.90	South Staffs	3525	+ 45	3.7	
882.60	South West	675	+ 30	5.6	8.7
1,645.30	Southern	1054	+ 32	3.8	11.7
2,330.80	Thames	563	+ 2	6.3	7.8
2,849.70	Utd Utilities	584	+ 16	6.4	11.4
769.70	Wessex	358	+ 4	5.3	
1,338.00	Yorkshire	650	- 3	6.0	9.1

ALTERNATIVE INV MARKET

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
2.48	Abacus Recruit	45			
4.94	Cec Invst	173	- 2	1.7	14.3
15.70	Country Gdns	85	+ 2	2.0	16.4
93.50	Dawson Hdgs	1875		2.4	14.7
14.60	Firecrest	62	- 6		26.5
115.70	Freepages	31½	+ 2		
43.30	Megalomedia	94	- 3		
36.30	Memory Corp	60			
16.00	Old English Pubs	130	- 2	1.0	54.2
87.40	Pet City	360	- 2		
128.60	Southern News	526	- 2	3.8	13.8
	Southern Vectis	88			
28.20	Surrey Fr Inns	287	- 13	0.9	31.4
382.80	Trocadero	73			

Source: FT Information

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RESULTS AND STATISTICS

TODAY

Interims: Thorn EMI (first quarter), SmithKline Beecham. **Finals:** Abtrust Scotland Investment, Tomorrows Leisure. **Economic statistics:** US Treasury: auction of short-term T-bills and June budget statement.

TOMORROW

Interims: Brixton Estate, Elan, M&G Equity Investment Trust, St Modwen Properties, Temple Bar Investment Trust, Updown Investment. **Finals:** Barbour Index, KS Biomedix, Mentmore Abbey, Wholesale Fittings. **Economic statistics:** Bank of England £3.5 billion gilt auction, CBI July industrial trends survey, US Treasury two-year auction, US Treasury announces the size of short-term T-bills, Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan testifies to House banking committee on the second day of Humphrey-Hawkins testimony.

WEDNESDAY

Interims: Allied Textile, Beta Global Emerging, Bullough, Lloyds Abbey Life, Masthead Insurance Underwriting, Murray International Trust, Reuters, Spargo Consulting. **Finals:** Vibroplant, Birkby, Eurodis Electron, Menvier-Swain, Rubicon, Mossaic Investments. **Economic statistics:** June retail sales, US Treasury five-year note auction.

THURSDAY

Interims: Admiral, Ayrshire Metal, British Telecom (first quarter), ICI, RPS Group, Witan Investment. **Finals:** Sidney C Banks, Creighton's Naturally, Murray Income Trust. **Economic statistics:** May global trade balance, June non-EU trade balance, Bundesbank central council meeting, US weekly jobless claims.

FRIDAY

Interims: Corporate Services, Greggs, Lex Service, Rushmere Wynne Group. **Finals:** Angerstein Underwriting, Electric & General, Jersey Phoenix Trust. **Economic statistics:** Second-quarter preliminary GDP, June major banking groups mortgage lending.

SUNDAY TIPS

The Sunday Times: **Buy** T&N, Manders, Babcock. *The Sunday Telegraph*: **Buy** Thorn EMI, Midland Independent. *The Independent on Sunday*: **Buy** Zeneca, **Sell** Land Securities. *The Mail on Sunday*: **Hold** Dana Petroleum, Independent Radio Group.

COMPANIES — KAREN ZAGOR

SmithKline seeks growth tonic

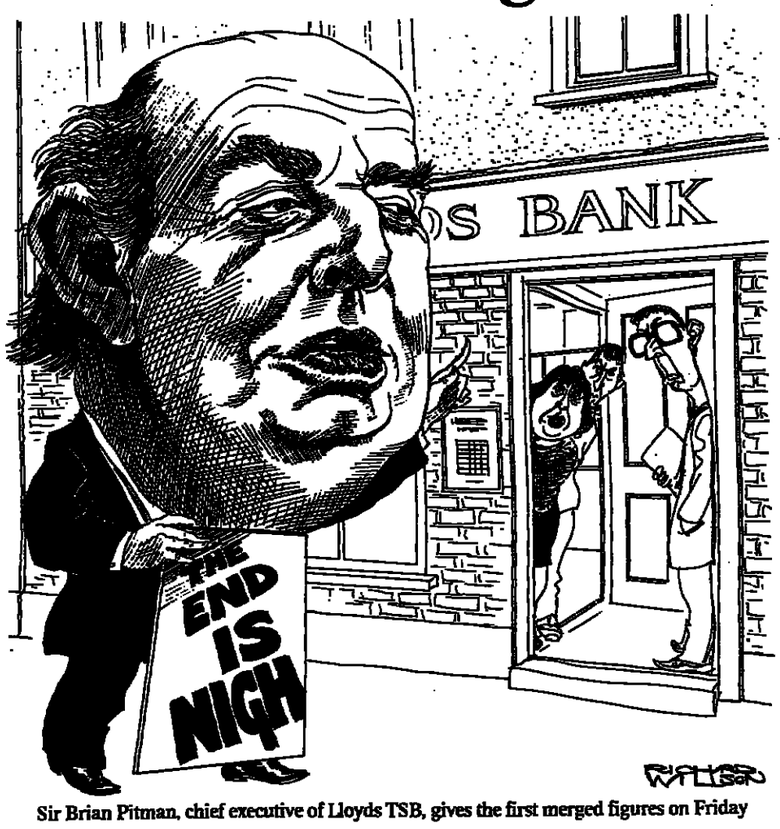
SMITHKLINE BEECHAM: The pharmaceutical group will today launch the interim reporting season with its second-quarter results. It will be far too early to see whether the company's new drug for Parkinson's disease, which was recently approved for marketing in the UK, has had an impact, but analysts will be looking for signs of a return to double-digit earnings growth.

UBS expects a 13 per cent improvement in pre-tax profits to £340 million, with earnings per share of 8.2p and dividends of 4p per share. However, the improved profits picture, helped by better cost savings and an improvement in Clinical Labs, could be dampened by continuing poor cash flow.

THORN EMI: The leisure and hotels group's impending demerger is likely to overshadow any figures in today's first-quarter results. Estimated profits are in the £70 million region (£64 million). The group is being valued at between £16.70 and £19 a share.

LLOYDS TSB: The first set of interim figures from the newly merged bank should provide interesting reading on Friday. Salomon Brothers is looking for pre-tax profits of £1.14 billion, with earnings per share of 14p. The predicted dividend of 4.3p will be a balance between Lloyds' final dividend and TSB's interim.

Looking forward, Salomon expects full-year profits of £2.36 billion as savings from the merger become apparent.



Sir Brian Pitman, chief executive of Lloyds TSB, gives the first merged figures on Friday

BRITISH TELECOM: It is unlikely that the telecommunications giant's first-quarter results will spring anything that will have anywhere near the impact of Oftel's pricing proposals. NatWest Securities is looking for a 3 per cent decline in pre-tax profits to £851 million, and earnings per share to 8.9p. Stripping out a £50 million redundancy charge, earnings will be 1 per cent higher. Analysts will be more concerned with discovering whether BT has accepted or rejected the regulator's revised proposals. The company's decision is expected next week.

REUTERS: Analysts will be looking ahead to details of a new generation of 3,000 products rather than backwards to historical performance when Reuters unveils its first-half figures on Wednesday.

Pre-tax profits should grow about 17 per cent to £323 million, with earnings per share of 13.6p and a dividend of 2.9p. The Intinet and Globex dealing screens contributed to strong figures in the first quarter and are expected to continue to help in the second, offsetting more sedentary revenue growth from information products.

ICI: Gloom and doom have already been predicted for the UK's biggest chemicals company for the second quarter, and some analysts fear the performance may be worse than the recently revised estimates.

The chief culprit is polyester. PET, used to make polyester bottles, once fuelled group profits. But a glut of new plants has led to over-supply, hitting prices. Pre-tax interim profits, released on Thursday, are expected to tumble to £400 million from £510 million, with earnings per share dropping to 31.7p from 41.6p. Despite these depressing figures, led by weakness from the industrial division, the net dividend is expected to rise to 12.5p (11.5p).

Manufacturing recovery in the spotlight

THE British statistical week gets under way tomorrow with the Confederation of British Industry's monthly and quarterly *Industrial Trends* survey, which will be closely analysed for signs of a recovery in manufacturing industry in July.

On Wednesday, June retail sales are published. Sales volumes are expected to have risen 0.8 per cent after May's decline of 0.1 per cent, according to the consensus of market forecasts from MMS International. This would take year-on-year growth in sales to 2.3 per cent, from 2.0 per cent in May.

On Thursday, there are May whole world trade figures, expected to show a deficit of £1.3 billion, the same as in April. Non-European Union trade for June is expected to show a shortfall of £800 million, again the same magnitude as the deficit in May.

Friday ends the week with preliminary figures for second-quarter gross domestic product. The economy is expected to have grown 0.6 per cent in the quarter, giving a year-on-year growth rate of 2.0 per cent (0.4 per cent in first quarter and 1.9 per cent year on year).

Among other developments to watch for are the Bundesbank's council meeting on Thursday, the last before the summer recess, for any change to German interest rates. And there will be more testimony tomorrow from Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve, on the American economy.

JANET BUSH

GILT-EDGED

Four wishes fe the Chancello as election loor

It is not hard to guess Kenneth Clarke's four wishes for the coming year. He would like to cut interest rates, cut taxes, see the Conservatives re-elected, and then see the Government move towards European Monetary Union (EMU). Even if he is only likely to get three of the wishes, this promises good news for gilts.

The biggest barrier to the Chancellor's first wish is the Governor of the Bank of England. At their June 5 meeting, Eddie George objected to the quarter-point cut in bank base rates.

Mr George's focus on inflationary risks of a pick-up in consumer spending suggests that if the Chancellor pushes for another rate cut soon, he is unlikely to be quick to agree. Since Mr Clarke will not want to intensify the rift with the Governor, he is likely to hold fire at their next meeting, on July 30. Another cut would risk a riposte in the Bank's *Inflation Report* in August.

However, evidence this summer is likely to continue to go Mr Clarke's way, letting him cut rates again in the autumn. The coming months may provide a good test of fears, shared by the Bank, that consumer-led growth will trigger higher inflation.

It is true that the economy is set to accelerate in the coming year, boosted by rising real incomes, tax cuts and lower interest rates, but this is no 1980s-style boom. Producer price inflation is falling so sharply that there is room for a sharp rise in retail margins *and* a fall in retail price inflation. Underlying inflation may go below 2.5 per cent in September, back in the Government's target range. So, another quarter-point off base rates is on the cards then or in October.

No doubt there will be claims that the cut is "politically motivated". Wh one *not*? The gilt mar focus on whether it nomically justified. quent data on infla again likely to ba Clarke, allowing a r rally in gilts. Unc inflation is set to fall per cent by the year

Policy credibility crucial to Mr Clarke's wish. He needs to c while convincing markets that this will to a public borrowi run. His tactics an spending ministers a curbed, the press briefed that the publi ing round will be tou ing prepared everyon worst, the Chancel again be able to modest tax cuts whi taining a prudent PS

So Mr Clarke sh able to cut interest r taxes. More doub whether this will be to help to achieve h wish — to see the C tives re-elected; Labour's lead is narr may be too big to clo

Mr Clarke may fi solace in the thou this increases the ch his fourth wish. A win would make fa the UK's entry to EM

The irony is Clarke is li leave Labour omy in good shape EMU criteria, with under control and better placed than meet the crucial bu

Labour's EMU stance will, in itself, positive reassessme gilt market, but it wi inforce pressure to benign inheritance. raise a wry smile Clarke at the Cons electoral funeral.

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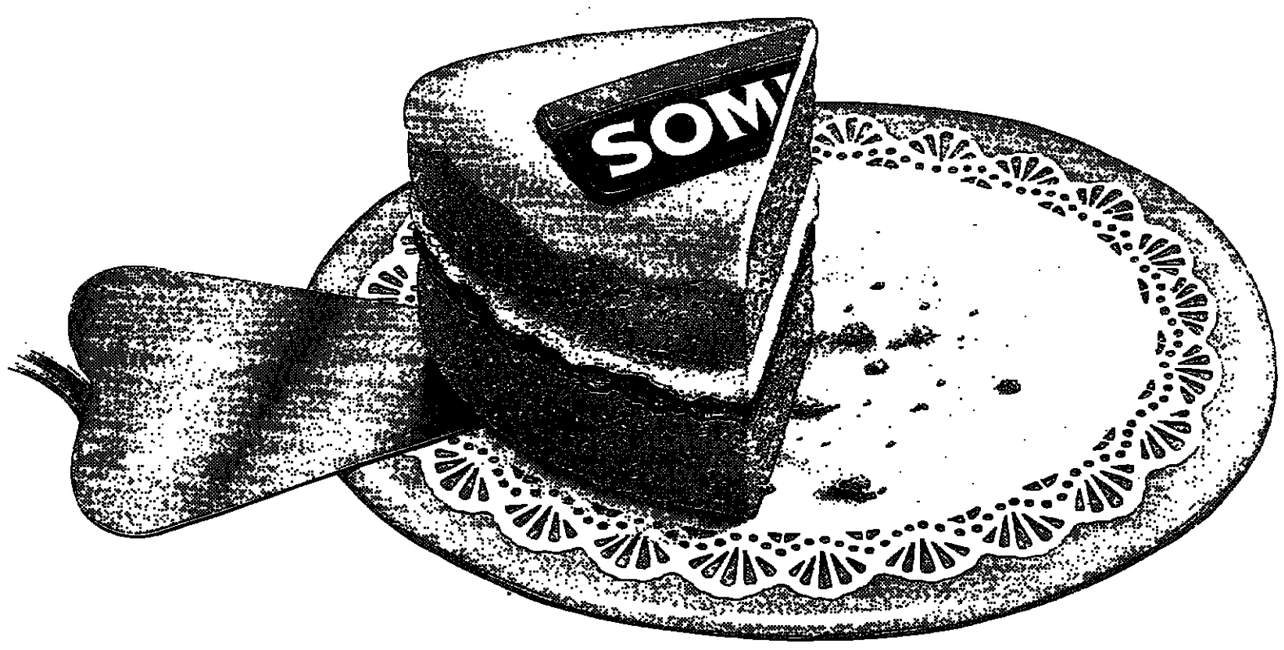

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Health care of elderly should be set by NHS'

By Marianne Curphey

Government has been by the National Council of "tinkering at s" of the problem of n care for Britain's g elderly population. nment proposals, put in a White Paper in likely to prove unfair ce and benefit only a ll number of people, ependent watchdog a report published

Government has prime opportunity to er consumers more ," the NCC claims. e the Government to that all long-term re needs are met by onal Health Service. educe inequalities in available to people different parts of the

epartment of Health has proposed a "partnership scheme" in which consumers can ring-fence their assets by taking out a long-term insurance policy. The elderly would be given a "disregard" of £1.50 on their assets for every £1 worth of insurance they took out. In effect, this would mean that if they bought insurance worth £40,000 then, together with the £16,000 "disregard" for single pensioners, the State would allow assets worth £56,000 to be left free for inheritance, before it claimed any surplus to cover long-term care costs.

The NCC urges the Government to redraft its proposed £1.50 for £1 scheme and instead recommends adoption of a £1 for £1 scheme. "This avoids better-off consumers being subsidised by taxpayers, many of whom cannot afford this kind of insurance," the council said. "These include people without enough money to pay the large premiums required; people not considered to be an insurable risk; younger people with long-term disabilities or chronic illnesses; and people with a genetic disposition to certain illnesses, such as Alzheimer's disease — all of whom could be debarred from the schemes."

The council is also pressing for long-term care to be regulated under the Financial Services Act 1988, which requires "best advice" to be given to consumers buying investment products.

Last week the Personal Investment Authority (PIA) announced plans to develop a "kitemark" for long-term care and investment products of which it approves, and will extend the legal contracts it already has with 4,000 member firms to cover long-term care policies.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
...	2.05	1.89
...	17.22	15.72
...	50.51	46.21
...	2.215	2.055
...	0.7486	0.6918
...	9.47	8.67
...	7.57	6.92
...	8.23	7.58
...	2.460	2.250
...	380	355
...	12.59	11.59
...	113	93
...	1.017	0.937
...	5.31	4.66
...	2454	2299
...	181.80	165.80
...	0.583	0.538
d	2.740	2.510
s	2.38	2.16
...	10.45	9.65
...	248.00	229.50
...	7.37	6.57
...	201.50	188.50
...	10.88	10.08
...	2.017	1.837
...	132616	124616
...	1.641	1.511

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BT to decide on Oftel package

By Our City Staff

BT is to hold a board meeting tomorrow to decide whether to accept or to reject the regulatory package proposed by Oftel, the telecommunications regulator.

Rejection of the regulatory package would automatically trigger an inquiry by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. Don Cruickshank, the Director-General of Oftel, has allowed BT until August 2 to make a decision.

BT said that it can accept the new pricing formula but is resisting the proposed fair trading clause because it denies the company a right of appeal. The company is not expected to reveal its decision on the regulatory package until next week.

In a separate development, BT has played down speculation that it is set to mount a bid for EDS, the information technology company that was recently spun off from General Motors of America.

Sherwood attacks sell-off

By Jonathan Prynn, Transport Correspondent

THE head of one of the first rail franchises to be privatised has attacked the British Rail sell-off, warning that passengers could be forced to pay more for poorer train services.

James Sherwood, president of Sea Containers, awarded the seven-year franchise for the East Coast Main Line in March, said privatisation "is being accomplished with little or no commitment to capital investment."

Unless the various parties involved in the newly fragmented railways worked closely together, "there will be no improvement," he said. "Passengers will wind up paying more to travel on a deteriorating railway."

He had argued for 35-year franchises to allow investment in new rolling stock and improved stations. Through "political interference", franchisees had been saddled with "absurd or unworkable" commitments, he said.

ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT MARKET

1996 High	Low	Mkt cap (million)		Price pence	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
136	132	13.30	AFA Systems	133	- 3	...	...
134	109	16.20	AMCO Corp	114	...	5.5	16.0
58	18	2.48	Abacus Recruit	45	...	...	...
161	115	25.20	Active Imaging	138	- 13	...	...
210	123	30.20	A de Gruchy	205	...	3.7	16.3
20¼	7¾	14.40	African Gold	14	- 1	..	31.3
21½	13	6.62	Albemarale & Bd	17½	- 1	..	...
58	46	8.82	Altzyme	51	...	...	...
24	13	10.30	Alpha Omikron	14	- 1	...	...
470	380	45.00	Ann St Brewery	470	+ 5	4.9	12.7
975	885	5.78	Ann St Cv Pl	975	...	8.3	...
121	50	40.90	Antonov	56	- 5	...	..
9	8	1.89	Arion Props	8	...	...	...
81	36	41.50	Ashays	48	...	...	..
141	68	21.40	Ask Central	133	- 3	...	..
63	55	1.14	Athelney Trust	63	...	...	..
130	123	40.10	BATM Adv Comms	129	+ 4	..	...
6½	5½	8.05	Ballymaloe	6¾	+ ¼	..	45.9
26	17	5.65	Barls Hldgs	22	...	...	12.1
46	38	3.37	Belcanto	38	- 7	...	..
150	140	0.99	Bowness Leis	145	...	3.9	7.1
70	70		Bown Leis Cv Pl	70	...	...	..
70	48	8.33	Brancote Hldgs	48	- 5	...	...
503	240	56.10	Brockbank	468	+ 10	2.0	...
124	116	12.50	CA Coutts Hldgs	118	...	...	11.1
120	116	0.94	CCI Hldgs	118	...	...	6.5
110	110	0.13	CCI Founder Shs	110	...	...	...
213	95	4.94	Cafe Inns	173	- 2	1.7	14.3
75	55	7.76	Caledonian Tst	65	...	...	7.9
3½	2	2.53	Capital & Wsln	2¾	- ½	...	...
96	68	11.30	Cardcast	70	- 10	0.9	15.2
41½	29	18.00	Card Clear	40	+ 7	...	..
108	91	9.23	Carlisbrooke Ship	91	...	...	7.9
72	58	3.17	Cassidy Bros	58	..	6.5	...
48	41	2.09	Cavendish W F	48	...	3.9	23.1
19	16	6.30	Celebrated Group	19	+ 1	1.8	..
£325	6550	71.00	Celtic	£245	...	...	...
£275	6450		Celtic Pl Shs	£195	...	...	...
124	109	15.90	CI Comms(TV)	118	- 1	2.8	...
86	61	7.38	Chartwell Intl	65	- 1	...	...
100	53	102.70	Chelsea Village	86	+ 13	...	...
185	173	19.00	Circle Comms	175	- 5	...	...
140	133	22.30	Cirqual	135	- 5	...	...
110	110	0.99	Clan Homes	110	.	...	...
33	28	13.90	ClubPartners	33	...	...	...
510	500	12.00	Com de Prt Fin	500	- 10	...	...
19	15	8.94	Concurrent Tech	19	...	...	...
100	100	0.25	Conc Tech A Prf	100	...	...	...
100	100	0.20	Conc Tech B Prf	100	...	...	...
125	125	0.84	Conc Tech Rd Pf	125	...	...	...
225	225	0.17	Conc Tech Cv Pl	225	...	...	...
44	37	8.80	Conister Tst	40	...	5.0	10.0
86	58	15.70	Country Gdns	85	+ 2	2.0	16.4
83	68	2.49	Cntry Gdns Pl	68	...	9.8	...
109	57	24.10	Creos Intl	67	- 5	...	...
63	50	22.60	Crown Products	50	...	...	...
377	152	27.90	DBS Management	370	...	4.1	...
36	32		Dalkeith Inns	32	...	...	...
75	61	3.30	David Glass	61	...	10.2	8.3
1700	860	93.50	Dawson Hldgs	1675	...	2.4	14.7
17	11	5.60	Dean Corp	13	- 2	1.9	...
375	305	33.40	Dicom	325	...	...	75.0
76	60	13.30	Dmatek	71	- 4	...	...
4	4	3.07	Drings of Bath	4	...	...	...
137	62	9.27	Easynet	65	- 2	...	...
153	148	31.10	Elec Retail Sys	148	...	...	...
200	85	65.20	Electrophonics	100	+ 3	...	...
116	61	16.50	Epic Multimedia	71	+ 3	...	...
125	120	5.62	Euro Sales Fn	125	...	...	...
475	325		Fairlake	445	- 30	...	...
53	41	2.78	Fayrewood	53	..	...	.
138	111	42.70	Fibernet	115	.	...	.
65	58	2.90	Fieldens	58			...
260	75	5.77	Finl Publs	245	- 15	...	.
188	45	14.60	Firecrest	62	- 6	..	26.5
183	172	35.10	First Infor	173	+ 1	..	...
245	188	5.76	Flomerics	225	- 5	1.4	...
343	253	7.39	Floral St	288	- 15	0.4	13.1
193	136	15.70	Formscan	148	- 5	1.7	19.2
35½	14	115.70	Freepages	31½	+ 2	..	...
143	93	8.16	Furlong Homes	136	- 2	2.3	12.0
11	8¼	32.00	Gander Hldgs	11	...	..	79.3
21.	16	24.60	Gold Mines Sardina	19	.		..
12	8	5.89	Gold Mines Sard Wts	11	...	...	..
22	11	3.60	Greenhills	12	- 2	...	...
150	145	33.40	Gutton	148	.	3.4	.
41	18	1.83	Hansom	18	...		
68	62	2.74	Hat Pin	62	...	5.5	11.4
65	50	1.40	Hercules Prop	55	...	...	
275	155	6.37	Heavitree	275	..	2.6	17.0
255	180	10.70	Heavitree A	245	..	2.9	15.1
138	120	61.70	Hiscox	130	.	2.4	...
80	65	0.82	Hurlingham	70	+ 5	..	
297	195	31.20	IES	205	- 25	0.4	..
280	180	3.92	IES Warrants	190	- 25	..	.
96	65	19.90	Ind Brd Hlthcret	78			..
134	105	13.00	Indpt Radio	130	+ 1	..	.
88	63	11.40	Inner Workings	66	.	...	...
88	71	16.80	Intelligent Envr	75	- 3	...	...
548	503	23.00	Intl Greetings	548	+ 25	3.5	..
160	108	33.30	IOC Intl	136	- 5	...	..
103	83	3.71	Jasmin	91	- 5	...	...
320	280	21.80	Jennings Bros	295	..	2.7	21.2
5½	3½	5.70	Just Group	4¼	..	...	..
3	2	0.36	Just Group Wrts	2	..	...	.
125	93	39.10	KS Biomedix	93	- 5	...	..
160	146	48.90	La Senza	146	- 5	..	...
180	137	28.20	Lancashire En	155	+ 10	3.2	12.5
300	210	15.20	Lawrence	250	..	0.8	...
3750	2550	66.30	Lawrie Group	3550	..	2.5	15.0
290	255	46.90	Le Riches Strs	283	- 2	7.1	...
15	12	0.75	Life Numbers	15	...	...	...
5	2	0.16	Life Numbrs Wts	5	...	...	...
95	85		London Asia Pc	85	...	...	...
6¾	2	66.30	Lon Fiduciary	4½	...	...	...
70	55	1.38	London Town	55	...	...	...
360	200	16.00	Lorien Grp	280	- 27½	1.7	22.3
4¼	4	7.35	Lotterying	4¼	+ ¼	...	...
1½	1	0.26	Lotterying Wts	1½	+ ½	...	...
25	15	11.30	Marx & D'ssers	19	...	2.1	25.7
135	90	10.90	Marine & Merc S	90	...	...	...
125	110	2.51	Matrix Hlthcare	110	...	...	.
117	92	43.30	Megalomedia	94	- 3	...	...
99	79		Megalomedia Wts	84	- 3	...	...
113	86	7.39	Mellek	106	- 2	2.9	15.1
475	45	36.30	Memory Corp	60	...	...	...
22	18	4.41	Metrodome Films	18	...	...	...
235	156	14.80	Moorepay	195	- 13¾	3.1	...
200	67½	7.19	Mountcashel	95	- 5	...	19.8
203	148	29.90	Mulberry Group	151	- 4	...	...
89	53	17.00	MultiMedia	59	+ 1	...	...
19	18	1.32	NECA	18	...	...	...
340	285	21.70	NWF Grp	288	...	2.8	13.9
210	175	13.70	Nash (Wm)	195	...	4.3	...
360	335	8.98	Neill Clerk	350	- 10	2.9	...
470	200	11.40	Neilson Cobbold	415	- 30	1.7	20.7
93	65		Norcity II	93	...	...	...
73	63		Norhomes	68	...	...	34.0
76	53	6.07	Nthn Petlm	53	...	...	...
8	8	0.13	Nthn Petlm Wrts	8	...	...	...
70	53		Nthmb Res Prps	56	- 4	...	.
116	111	17.80	Nursing Home	115	.	1.3	32.7
154	90	16.00	Old English Pub	130	- 2	1.0	54.2
136	84	13.00	Omnicare	110	- 1	0.6	..
75	43	12.60	Omnimedia	51	+ 3	...	..
123	66	26.20	Optical Care	113	+ 8	...	.
3¼	1	34.70	Pacific Media	2¾	...	...	.
263	43		Pacific Med Pl	235	.	...	
109	17¼	35.40	Pan Andean Res	86	+ 3	...	...
200	180	4.78	Park Ests(Liv)	200	...	3.1	...
445	360	87.40	Pet City	360	- 2	...	..
184	107	25.40	Polymasc Pharms	127	- 10	...	..
4	3½	8.19	Pordum Foods	3¾	- ¼	...	...
2	1½	0.38	Pordum Fds Wts	1¾	- ¼	...	...
565	400	6.77	Preston Nth E	525	- 5	.	...
105	103	16.50	Primary Hlth Pr	103	..	..	...
305	180	34.50	Prism Rail	265	- 5	...	...
67	32	5.66	Raphael Zm	63	...	2.5	39.5
140	43	8.62	Reflec	125	+ 5	..	.
6	4¾	1.61	Revelation Pic	5½	- ½	...	0.6
18	16	11.20	Riceman Insce	17	..	...	.
98	63	4.44	Romtec	86	..	...	
4½	3½	3.15	Rushmere Wynne	3½	..	...	.
1¾	0¾	0.14	Rush Wyn Wrts	1½	..	...	.
126	31	3.19	SCS Saleltde	31	...	..	...
75	68	15.40	SEA Multimedia	68	- 5	...	...
31	20	1.95	Scotswood Inds	28	- 3	4.5	26.5
39	23	4.66	Scott Pickford	37	- 1	3.0	14.3
68	28	13.50	Scott Pride	43	..	...	
320	270	14.60	Scruttons	305	...	5.3	...
60	30	2.22	Self Sealing	38	- 3	...	...
3	2		Selkbarn	2	...	...	...
174	164	21.10	Sinclair Montrs	174	+ 2	..	...
5	3½	9.27	Sira Bus Serv	4½	...	...	...
1½	1½	0.29	Sira Bus Wrts	1½	..	...	...
91	83	5.19	Solid State Sp	83	...	...	...
595	524	126.50	Southern News	525	- 2	3.8	13.8
68	50		Southern Vectis	68	...	...	...
289	225	31.50	Stallware	272	+ 10	...	...
615	255	73.90	Stanford Rook	383	- 35	..	...
171	75	12.00	Stentor	170	+ 9	...	...
315	122	28.30	Surrey Fr Inns	267	- 13	0.9	31.4
136	88	12.10	Syst Integ Rsch	90	- 10	...	...
915	415	24.10	TRACKER Netwk	455	+ 20	...	...
185	125	28.00	Tradepoint Fcl	130	- 5	...	...
55	38	5.77	Tele Cred Eur	51	...	...	...
43	25		Tele Cred Wrts	38	...	..	...
138	91	15.00	Theo Fennell	93	- 3	...	...
116	73	12.60	Toad	75	- 10	...	...
56	43	3.25	Tom Hoskins	53	- 2	...	...
180	165	5.03	Trinity Care	165	...	3.6	10.0
170	165		Trinity Care Pf	170	..	...	...
75	46	362.80	Trocadero	73	...	...	...
42	40	3.83	Univerd	42	...	...	17.8
458	373	6.73	Utd Auctions	378	+ 5	1.3	...
201¼	147¼	19.60	VDC	190	+ 5	3.1	13.8
18½	13½	45.20	Versailles Grp	18½	...	1.3	...
650	130	10.90	Viewinn	365	- 70	...	...
428	232	8.05	Voss	300	...	...	...
15	7		Wedderburn Secs	10	- ½	...	...
5	3		Wedd Secs Wnts	4	...	...	...
19	13	7.35	Western Selectn	14	...	...	51.6
6	5	0.31	Western Sel Wrt	5	...	...	...
31	26	2.95	Westmount Engy	28	- 2	...	45.3
95	90	3.71	Whitecross	90	- 3	...	...
163	148	23.80	Whittard Chelsea	150	...	...	...
75	46	6.42	W'chester M Md	58	- 3	...	...
145	100		Wynnstay Props	100	- 5	5.6	14.1
300	170	24.00	Zergo	260	- 5	...	...

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ut in Box 1 your full name and address (please use BLOCK CAPITALS).

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ut in Box 2 (in pounds sterling) the total amount that you wish to invest n Ordinary Shares.

ou may only apply to invest for one of the total amounts shown in the table below. Applications to invest any other amount may be rejected. The minimum amount for which you can apply to invest is £1,000.

AMOUNT IN £ STERLING	
£1,000	£6,000
£2,000	£7,000
£3,000	£8,000
£4,000	£9,000
£5,000	£10,000

Applications to invest an amount above £10,000 must be in the following denominations:	
	in multiples of
ounts of	£5,000
0,000 to £50,000	£10,000
0,000 to £100,000	£25,000
r £100,000	

ign and date the Application Form in Box 3.

f an adult is applying for the benefit of someone under the age of 18 (under 20 n Jersey) the adult, rather than the minor, must sign the Application Form. he Application Form may be signed by someone else on your behalf who is duly uthorised to do so. In this case, the original of the relevant power of attorney or a copy certified by a solicitor) must be enclosed. pplications made by corporations, whether on their own behalf or on behalf of ther persons, must be signed by a duly authorised official, whose representative capacity must be stated.

4 Leave Box 4 blank unless you wish to make a tender election.

In order to make a tender election, you must specify in Box 4 the maximum price per Ordinary Share that you wish to pay. Any maximum price specified in Box 4 must be a multiple of 5p (a "Permitted Price"). If you specify any price which is not a multiple of 5p, then you will be deemed to have specified the Permitted Price which is both nearest to and lower than that price. In the event that you complete Box 4 and the Offer Price is set at a level above the Permitted Price which you have specified (or are deemed to have specified), you will not be allocated any Ordinary Shares. In the event that the Offer Price is set at a level on or below the Permitted Price you have specified (or are deemed to have specified), you will pay the Offer Price for the Ordinary Shares which are allocated to you.

5 Pin a single cheque or banker's draft to your completed Application Form. Your cheque or banker's draft must be payable to "Lloyds Bank Plc – A/C Somerfield Offer" for the amount payable on application as inserted in Box 2 and should be crossed "A/C Payee". No receipt will be issued.

You may pay for the Ordinary Shares by personal cheque drawn on your bank or building society account. Alternatively, you may use a cheque or banker's draft from your bank or building society (or a personal cheque drawn by someone else) but you must write your full name and address on the back. In each case the cheque must be drawn in sterling and bear a UK bank sort code number in the top right hand corner. The cheque should not be post-dated.

Any monies returned will be sent by cheque crossed "A/C Payee" payable to the person named in Box 1.

Under the provisions of the Money Laundering Regulations 1993 you may be required to produce satisfactory evidence of your identity or the identity of any person on whose behalf you are applying. Failure to do so, if required, may result in rejection of your application or a delay in the issue of a share certificate (and/or a return money cheque) to you (or such person) and/or in your (or such person's) ability to obtain the benefits of ownership of the Ordinary Shares.

If you apply for Ordinary Shares worth more than £11,000 using a cheque or banker's draft drawn on an account which is not in your name, please ask the bank or building society on which it is drawn to enter your name and address on the back and add its stamp.

6 You may apply to hold the Ordinary Shares jointly with up to three other persons aged 18 or over (20 or over in Jersey). As joint applicants, they should complete and sign in Box 6. Before signing, they should read carefully the declaration in Box 3.

ou post your Application Form, you are recommended to use first class post and allow at least two working days for delivery.

plies of Application Forms are not acceptable. Multiple or suspected multiple applications may be rejected in their entirety.

PUBLIC APPLICATION FORM

In applying for Ordinary Shares you will be treated as applying on the basis of the information contained in the Prospectus and on the terms and conditions contained therein. Before making any application you are recommended to consult an independent financial adviser authorised under the FSA.

1 Please use BLOCK CAPITALS

Title	Forenames (in full)
Surname	A/C Designation (if any)
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Postcode	Daytime telephone number

2 I/We offer to invest a total amount of: £ in Ordinary Shares at the Offer Price. PUT THE AMOUNT YOU WISH TO INVEST HERE

3 I/We make this application for Ordinary Shares in the Retail Offer on and subject to the Terms and Conditions of the Retail Offer set out in the Prospectus relating to Somerfield plc dated 11 July 1996.
I/We declare that, to my/our knowledge and belief, this is the only application made for my/our benefit (or that of any person on whose behalf I am/we are applying) other than any application being made under the arrangements for Eligible Employees of Somerfield plc.

Signature | Date 1996

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4 I/We elect to tender for Ordinary Shares at a price per Ordinary Share of no greater than p LEAVE THIS BOX BLANK UNLESS YOU WISH TO MAKE THE TENDER ELECTION. SEE 4 OF THE GUIDE.

In the event that you elect to complete Box 4 and the Offer Price is set at a level above the Permitted Price you have specified (or are deemed to have specified) in your tender election, you will not be allocated any Ordinary Shares in the Retail Offer.

5 Attach your cheque or banker's draft here with a pin. It should be for the exact amount in Box 2, payable to "Lloyds Bank Plc—A/C Somerfield Offer" and crossed "A/C Payee". ATTACH ONE CHEQUE OR BANKER'S DRAFT ONLY.

6 JOINT APPLICANTS
The first applicant (as shown in Box 1) should complete the boxes above. Other persons applying to hold Ordinary Shares jointly with the first applicant named in Box 1 should complete and sign the box below.

I/We join in this application and give the declaration set out in Box 3.

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JOINT APPLICANTS MUST SIGN HERE

Title	Forename(s) in full	Surname	Signature

Delivery of Application Form

This completed Application Form together with a cheque or banker's draft for the exact amount payable should either be posted or be delivered by hand to Lloyds Bank Plc, Lloyds Bank Registrars, Antholin House, 71 Queen Street, London EC4N 1SL so as to be received not later than 12 noon on Wednesday, 24 July 1996

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20 July 1996

Tax legacy could recycle wealth to all the young

Backbenchers and lobbyists are already limbering up to tell *Kenneth Clarke what to* put in his pre-election Budget. One fair bet is that the Chancellor will be pressed to honour his Prime Minister's commitment to abolish inheritance tax and capital gains tax "when it is prudent and sensible to do so". These taxes may bring in only about £2.1 billion a year. What could be more prudent and sensible than to axe imposts hitting wealthy Tories before an election that may bring egalitarian Labour to power?

The pledge on capital gains is a misconceived American import. CGT's main function is to stop people avoiding *billions in income* tax. Inheritance tax is a different matter. At £1.5 billion before the latest cuts, the take is not paltry, but the levy has an air of class-levelling as much as of tax-raising.

For John Major, deprived of inheritance by the vagaries of small business life, agonised cries from successful family firms strike home. He wants, he has said, to see wealth cascading down the generations. It is an honourable aim. As sad buffoons show in every generation, a silver spoon can choke you. A more modest inheritance can give you a start in life, more confidence and independence, even a place to live.

Inheritance tax is, however, hardly the main barrier to this desirable flow. When Mr Clarke jacked up the tax's threshold in his 1995 Budget, he claimed it was a big issue for Middle England. Inland Revenue calculations suggest otherwise. *Even before the tax cut, only one in* 30 estates was liable to inheritance tax, now it is one in 45. And private businesses can now avoid it fully.

If Mr Major, or even Mr Blair, wants the privilege of inherited wealth to spread more widely across the classes, chancellors should look elsewhere. The pensions system is a far greater bar to passing on wealth.

Strong tax incentives deliberately channel people's savings into private pension funds. All parties seem anxious to open the taps yet wider. Yet pension schemes extinguish savings when beneficiaries die and stop them cascading down the generations. Unintentionally, this has become a powerful, artificial way to maintain wealth inequality.

In the classic, final-salary occupational pension scheme, *this is hard* to avoid. There is no need for personal or money-purchase pension plans to oblige savers to convert their retirement nest-egg into an

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uninheritable annuity pension. Many will want or need to. For those who can provide for themselves from the income of their fund, it should be a free choice. Such a reform should be central to any bipartisan drive to extend private pensions to all.

For young people, there is one even greater bar to wealth cascading *their way when they most need it:* there is no free wealth to cascade. Many more might acquire that universally recommended "lifetime savings habit" and take an interest in learning how to look after their money if they had something to put in the kitty to start with.

Gavin Oldham, chairman of The *Share Centre, has an intriguing* answer that he calls "popular inheritance". In essence, the idea is to divert the proceeds of inheritance tax, and possibly also CGT, into a new universal benefit payable to everyone reaching the age of 18 each year. Today, it would come to £2-3,000. Inheritance tax, though still a redistributive penalty, would spread wealth directly to all instead of being eaten up by state consumption.

This state inheritance would consist of a loan stock redeemable in seven years. The stock would be held in special accounts, like personal equity plans. The owner could not draw out capital until the age of 25, but could switch the stock into other investments and draw the income if necessary.

Such a scheme would clearly suit Mr Oldham's small investor business. He first put it forward at a diocesan synod on youth poverty and claims it could "bring society together, help people to have a real stake in their country and find out how it works at a young age".

Objections are not hard to spot. State pensions and child benefit, the existing, much bigger universal transfers, are already under a hostile political spotlight. Surely the last thing we need is another one that could boost taxation and public spending permanently.

In any case, feckless youth might waste the money. Marketing folk *would eye the cash like a hawk* homing in on a meal. If, as Mr Oldham suggests, the youth legacy could be used as collateral for a loan to start a business, hawkers of consumer finance would be ready to pounce before the Queen signed the Bill.

These objections can be overcome. The youth legacy, while adding to public spending, would not be open-ended, being restricted to the product of inheritance tax. The legacy would also tie in ideally with proposals from both left and right to bring in a new, tax-free longer-term individual savings account that would replace Peps and Tessas, but still be flexible enough to allow money to be drawn out for the big things in life. The legacy would get the account going.

The youth legacy has one more pragmatic but compelling advantage in election year. It should win a lot more floating votes than abolishing inheritance tax.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Sun shines on Whitney

LIFE must be a beach for Paul Whitney, who is to take over from Simon McClean as chief executive of Sun Life Asset *Management*. It was on a beach in Bali that he received a call from a headhunter inviting him to work for Sun Life. Until he takes over in September, he *will be windsurfing in Norfolk*.

Clean sweep

A HERCULEAN task for *Rentokil at the Olympic* Games. It is providing and caring for 20,000 tropical plants and flowers, while Initial Contract Services, a recent addition *to the group*, has the cleaning contract. Guess who is keeping the rodents and cockroaches at bay.

Home comfort

NATASHA Davidson, daughter of Duncan Davidson, chairman of Persimmon, is celebrating her recent engagement to Patrick James, whose family has roots in Barings. House hunting shouldn't be a problem — Persimmon is Britain's fourth-largest house builder, and the betrothed are both descended from that great builder King Henry VII.

A WELL-EARNED weekend for the women on the switchboard at Royal Sun Alliance after a hectic Friday trying to remember the company's name after the merger between Royal Insurance and Sun Alliance.

MORAG PRESTON

Eurofighter project could be poised for spectacular take-off

Oliver August on uplifting signs of progress in *what has been a* fraught European aerospace effort

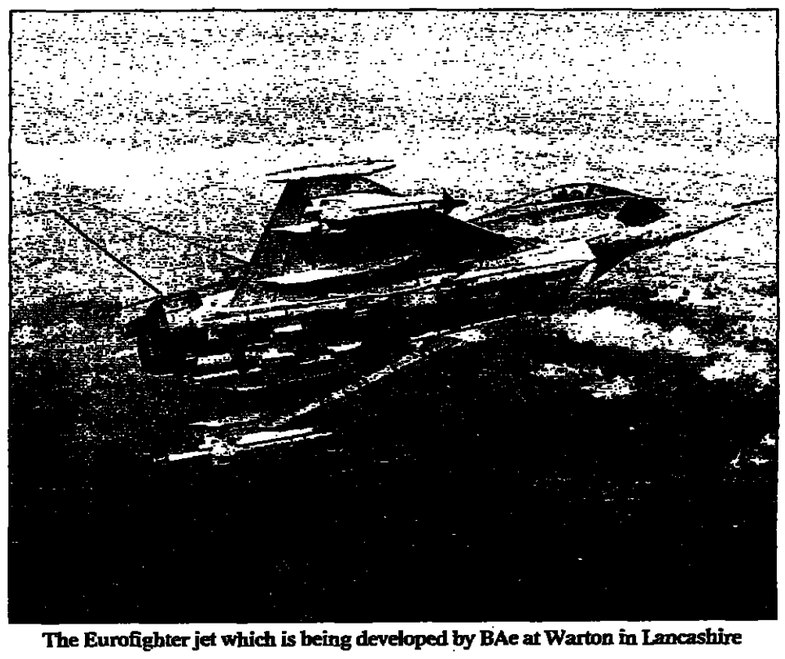
The Eurofighter could be called the Mick Jagger of the aerospace industry. Unruly and difficult in its early years but increasingly trouble-free with the onset of maturity.

After years of squabbling between the four European co-producers, the RAF's biggest defence procurement project could be Britain's first industrial success story of the next century. The usually staid Ministry of Defence said last week that the aircraft was "exhilarating" and would probably go into production in about 2001.

Throughout the last decade the Eurofighter had been dogged by the question: Do we really need another expensive fighter jet? British Aerospace, which is developing the aircraft at Warton, Lancashire, now seems to have found an answer that satisfies politicians and defence analysts.

BAe's sales pitch goes as follows: Some of our competitors have similar aircraft that are cheaper and some of our competitors have similar aircraft that are better. But the Eurofighter is the only combined bomber-and-combat jet that is top of the range and still affordable.

Along with the Eurofighter, the arms-dealers of the next century will have the American F22, the French Rafale and the Swedish Grippen on their *shopping lists. BAe says that* the Eurofighter is ahead of them all. The F22, although a better craft, will be twice as



The Eurofighter jet which is being developed by BAe at Warton in Lancashire

expensive, while the Rafale, at roughly the same price, will be easily *outperformed* by the Eurofighter. The much cheaper Swedish and any other American models are labelled as inferior.

An MoD official who visited Warton last week was unstoppable in his enthusiasm for the project and BAe's efforts. He said that the Eurofighter's thrust was unsurpassed by any previous British jet of equal weight. The required take-off runway is so short air-traffic controllers said that it looks as if it is taking off vertically. With a few modifications the Eurofighter may even be aircraft-carrier material.

Equally, the cockpit was *said to be "very easy to use"*. So easy, in fact, that the MoD will only be ordering the single-seater version of the aircraft, while the Spanish are building a two-seater. Both the flying of the plane and any combat action can be co-ordinated by one pilot.

The only ones to complain, in jest, about the single-seater are the pilots, who are equally impressed with the handling of the aircraft but by flying solo there will never be anyone on board to impress with smooth landings and effortless roll-over manoeuvres.

But the really good news is that the four partner nations — Britain, Germany, Italy and Spain — and their respective aircraft manufacturers have sorted out their earlier difficulties. Earlier, they fell out repeatedly over who should get how many of the finished aircraft, and which components among the many thousand parts should be produced in which country. The conflict came to a head over the Flight Control System (FCS) a few months ago.

Eventually the European partners had to recognise what Brussels bureacrats still fail to understand, that however good the product, without unanimity of purpose the project would be trapped in a stalemate.

The British share of the workload is now 37 per cent compared with 33 per cent previously. Initially, the MoD will get 232 planes and has an option to buy another 70.

With their difficulties behind them, BAe plus their partners Dasa, Alenia and Casa, developed a new generation of FCSs. This is the key selling point of the plane, both to the MoD and potential export clients.

To those familiar with personal computers, the new cockpit will, in effect, be what the Apple Mac was to the PC. Rather than asking the user incomprehensible technical questions to be answered in the appropriate computer language, this new generation of electronics does a certain amount of the thinking and then poses its questions in plain English.

On the Eurofighter, the pilot will no longer have to be concerned with such familiar but simplistic instruments as the altimeter. In fact, the plane's altimeter is hidden in the cockpit behind other electronics and is there for emergency purposes only.

During normal flying and combat, the pilot will rely entirely on his intelligent FCS, which combines and analyses information received from the AWACS (airborne radar systems), the global positioning system, on-board instruments and satellites. He will be the final decision-maker. The FCS will ask: Which target do you want to attack? The pilot will indicate on the multi-colour monitor and the FCS will do the rest.

Unfortunately, the American F22 can do the same and more. But the Eurofighter's advantage in the cut-throat competitive environment where defence contracts are won and lost will be cost. Ballpark figures are about the £50 million mark, possibly as much as £20 million below the F22 price tag.

Production is likely to start with the arrival of the new century, with air forces making full use of the aircraft in about 2005. The present testing of the Eurofighter, which has so far spent 200 hours in the air, will be stepped up next year when more components can be integrated.

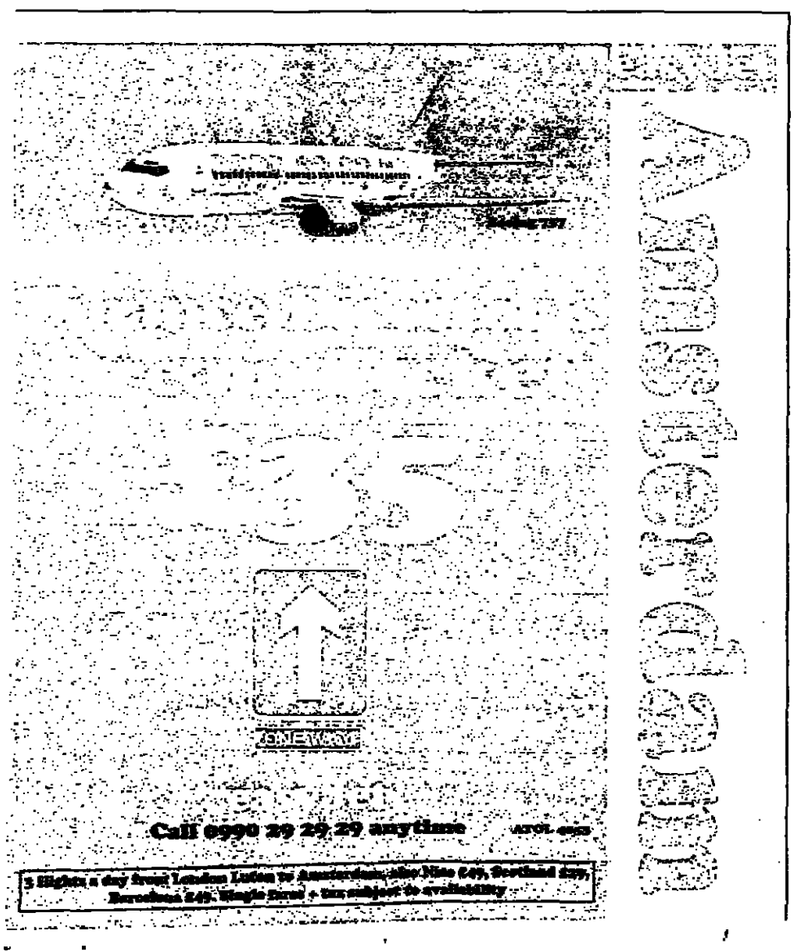
If everything goes according to plan — and so far the project has done everything but go to plan — then BAe could become a leading exporter. The company is already convinced it has struck gold. And if its marketing strategy is right, the export potential is beginning to look formidable.

The demand for military aircraft outside Europe over the next two decades is believed to be about 2,000. If BAe can fulfil its aim of capturing 20 per cent of this market, the impact on Lancashire's dole queues could be significant.

Nevertheless, some of the old questions remain. Do we really need this aircraft when we could buy cheaper Russian planes? To this, at least, BAe has the right answer. However cheap, politically it doesn't make sense. A hardline former military man may soon be sitting in the Kremlin. Do we really want to depend on an extreme nationalist for spares and munitions?

Other questions are more difficult to answer. Will German defence cuts threaten the project? Is the world demand for jet fighters really going to grow? Why is BAe co-operating with the Swedes to promote the competitor Grippen aircraft? Who will get priority if the MoD and foreign export customers both place large orders? Will Asians or Americans buy something with "Euro" in the name?

The one issue that has been resolved conclusively is the gender of the computerised voice that will give the pilots their commands in the cockpit — it will be female.



WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 40

CHAROSET

(a) A mixture of apples, nuts, spices, eaten ceremonially at the Passover seder service, symbolising the clay mixed by the Israelites during their slavery in Egypt. From the Hebrew *harsit*. Bitter herbs and unleavened cakes are dipped in the mixture of *apple, nuts and spices*

GWELY

(b) A social unit that was once traditional in Wales, consisting of four generations of one family in which the great-grandfather, the head of the group, had proprietary right over its landed property. The gwely was a specific area of land held, semi-communally, by a group of relatives. Gwely is a Welsh word,

DIOCH

(c) An African weaver-bird of the genus *Quelea*. The Red-headed Dioch is a bird of the Savannah Belt going all the way to Portuguese Guinea.

BOUZOUKI

(a) In Greece this is a sort of mandoline. For those who like the sound, the bouzouki is the most haunting of all Greek musical instruments, as the bagpipes (preferably across a wide loch) are for a Scotsman.

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CHANGE ON WEEK

THE POUND

US dollar
1.5474 (-0.0046)
German mark
2.3038 (-0.0590)
Exchange index
84.7 (-1.7)

Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share
2717.8 (-25.4)
FT-SE 100
3710.5 (-17.8)
New York Dow Jones
5426.82 (-83.74)
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
21476.29 (-180.16)

RADIO CHOICE

Tale told ou of school

Seven for a Secret. *Radio 4, 7.45pm.*

Sarah Woods, introducing her unsettling play, explains wh wrote it. Her husband, a schoolteacher, believes teacher *always been misrepresented* by playwrights. He was always her to set the record straight. She does not think that *Seve Secret* is quite the play he expected. I bet it isn't. Betrayal is the not your common-or-garden variety but something more co The central characters are a biology teacher (David Hai girlfriend (Julia Ford) and the schoolgirl (Teresa Gallagher *remorselessly compromises* him. Although the play has wo sexual undertones, prurient listeners will have to look elsewh

BBC Proms 1996. *Radio 3, 7.30pm.*

Tony Hancock never played the Albert Hall so far as I know. H be there this evening. But will you realise it? Certainly there is r of his presence in *Trombone Concerto*, the title of D Muldowney's new work which gets its world premiere perfor in tonight's Prom. Muldowney dedicated it to Hancock becaus Hancock, it is full of mad energy. But Hancock also speciali situations that swung, pendulum-like, between comedy and tr Muldowney reflects this in his music. His main theme borro first six notes from the *Hancock's Half Hour* signature performed on the trombone — the instrument that soloist Ch Lindberg plays tonight.

Peter D

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. **6.30am** Chris Evans **9.00** Simon Mayo **11.30** Radio 1 Roadshow. live from the Links in Whitley Bay **12.30pm** Lisa I'Anson **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** John Peel's Classic Radio 1 Sessions (5/8) **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00** Claire Sturgess **4.00am** Clive Warren

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00** Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **1.30pm** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.00** John Dunn **7.00** Steve Wright at the Movies **7.30** Malcolm Laycock **8.30** Big Band Special **9.00** Humphrey Lyttelton **10.00** Jazz Score **10.30** The Jamesons, incl **11.58** Pause For Thought **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Olympic Breakfast Programme **8.35** The Magazine, with Diana Madill **12.00** Midday with Mair, incl **12.35pm** Moneycheck **2.00** Inverdale's Olympics. The morning's news from Atlanta incl Swimming, eventing, hockey, judo and rowing **5.35** Nationwide incl at **5.45** Entertainment News **7.00** Olympic News Extra, incl at **7.20** Sports and Olympic Roundup **7.45** Atlanta Live, with Sybil Roscoe and Ian Payne Includes the first visit to Savannah for the yachting **10.00** Night Extra, with Valerie Sanderson **11.05am** Inverdale's Olympics, incl the swimming finals, boxing and hockey **3.05** Up All Night, with Rhod Sharp

TALK RADIO

6.30am Paul Ross **10.00** Scott Chisholm **1.00pm** Anna Raeburn **3.00** Tommy Boyd **5.00** Peter Deeley **7.00** Sports Zone **10.00** James Whale **1.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST. 5.00am** Ne **5.30** Europe Today **6.00** Newsd Europe Today **7.00** Ne **7.05** O **7.30** Andy Kershaw **8.00** News E the Shelf **8.30** The Vintage Cha **9.00** News in German **9.15** Goo ers **9.45** Music Through Stamer **10.00** News **10.05** Business **10.** thing Goes **10.45** Sport **11.00** desk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Shelf **12.00** Newsdesk **12.30** O **1.00** News in German **1.15** Britar **1.30** Andy Kershaw **2.00** Ne **3.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Jo **4.00** News **4.05** Sport **4.15** BBC **4.30** News in German **5.00** Today **5.30** Business **5.45** Britar **6.00** News **6.10** World Today **6.2** Five **6.30** News in German Newsdesk **7.30** Brain of Britai Newshour **9.00** News **9.01** Outlo Faith **9.30** Multitrack **10.00** News Business **10.15** Britain Today Legal Rights, Legal Wrongs **10.4** of Computers **11.00** Newsdesk World Today **11.45** Sport **12.00** **12.10am** Take Five **12.15** Recor **12.30** Multitrack **1.00** Newsdes Global Concerns **1.45** Britain **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** Outlook **2.5** **3.00** Newsday **3.30** Meridian **4.0** **4.05** Olympics **4.30** Europe Tod

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths **6.00** Mike **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Margare ard **2.00pm** Concerto **3.00** Jam **6.00** Newsnight **6.30** Sonata Celebrity Choice (r) **8.00** E Concert **10.00** Michael Mappin Mel Cooper

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Mark Forrest **9.00** Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.** Nicky Horne **7.00** Paul **(FM)** / Robin Banks **(AM) 10.00** Lee Grace **2.00am** Randal Lee

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Includes Vivaldi (*Violin Concerto in G minor*, Op 12 No 1); Brahms (Piano Trio in B, Op 8); Susato (Eight Galliards); Delius (Dance Rhapsody); Beethoven (Calm Sea and Prosperous Voyage, Op 112)
9.00 Morning Collection with Paul Gambaccini. Includes Chabrier (Souvenirs de Munich); Svendsen (Fantasy Romeo and Juliet); Beethoven (Piano Sonata in E flat, Op 81a)
10.00 Musical Encounters. Includes Suk (Towards a New Life) **10.10** *Proms Artist of the week:* Andras Schiff, piano. Janacek (On an Overgrown Path Bk 1 Nos 1-5) **10.25** Sibelius (En Saga, original version); Bach (Concerto in D minor, BWV 1052) **11.35** Franck (Cantabile); Janacek (On an Overgrown Path Bk 1 Nos 6-10)
12.00 Composer of the Week: Kurt Weill
1.00pm Proms Chamber Music 1996. Live from the Britten Theatre at the Royal College of Music in London The Arditti Quartet. Beethoven (Grosse Fuge in B flat, Op 133), Carter (String Quartet No 5); Dutilleux (Ainsi la nuit)
2.10 The BBC Orchestras. BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Thierry Fischer. With *Alison Wells and Deborah* Miles-Johnson, sopranos, the Fair City Singers. Mendelssohn (A Midsummer Night's Dream, Overture and complete incidental music); Beethoven (Symphony No 3 in E flat, Eroica)
3.50 Zelenka. Gail Hennessy Mark Radcliffe, oboes, L Leveaux, bassoon, Pete McCarthy, double bass, Elizabeth Kenny, theorb Timothy Roberts, harps Zelenka (Sonata V: Sona
4.30 Lester Leaps In, with R Davies (6/6)
5.00 The Music Machine, w Sarah Walker
5.15 In Tune. Schmelzer (Bal francesi); Wagner, trans Debussy (Overture: Der fliegende Hollander); Ho (Neptune, The Planets)
7.30 BBC Proms 1996. See Choice. BBC Philharmor Orchestra under Yan Pa Tortelier. With Christian Lindberg, trombone. Ch orch Robin Holloway (B fantastique): Roussel (Bacchus et Ariane) **8.1** Dialogue Between Com and Painter **8.35** Proms 2. Dominic Muldowney (Trombone Concerto). Mussorgsky, orch Ravel (Pictures at an Exhibition
9.45 My Tocher's the Jewel Kirsten McCue presents week of programmes celebrating the work of Scottish poet Robert Bu who died 200 years ago week (1/5)
10.15 Ensemble. The Vellinge Quartet. Purcell (Chacor G minor, Fantasia in C minor), Britten (String Qu No 2)
11.00 Mixing It, with Mark Ru
11.30 Composer of the Week Haydn (r)
12.30am Jazz Notes, with Di Fairweather
1.00 Through the Night, wit Donald Macleod

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (**LW** only) **6.00** News Briefing **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today incl **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** The Awkward Squad, with *Times* columnist Matthew Parris (3/4) **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Soapbox, with Andrew Neil
10.00 News; Big Bang (FM only). A new series of the science magazine with Jez Nelson
10.00 Daily Service (**LW** only)
10.15 On This Day (**LW** only)
10.30 Woman's Hour
11.30 Inside Money, with Roger White (2/6) (r)
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Chris Choi
12.25pm Brain of Britain 1996, chaired by Robert Robinson **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Top Story. A drama series set in a West Midlands news agency With Lewis Hancock and Shirley Stelfox Written by Mick Martin (3/4)
3.00 The Afternoon Shift
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Lynne Walker sees the Downing Street silver collection in the company of Norma Major and talks to the composer Dominic Muldowney as his trombone concerto is premiered at the Proms
4.45 Short Story: Dolls' Day, by Jenni Sinclair. Read by Barbara Leigh-Hunt
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Old Harry's Game. A comedy series set in Hel With Andy Hamilton, Jan Grout and Jimmy Mulville (2/6) (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archer
7.20 The Food Programme, Derek Cooper (r)
7.45 The Monday Play: Sev for a Secret. See Choi
9.00 Just a Part of the Furn Claire Jenkins explores furniture can reveal abo people's lives and personalities Tonight's subject is the bookcase
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight Wi Robin Lustig
10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Merry Muse. Michael MacKenzie continues re Eric Linklater's comic no (6/10)
11.00 Space Fictions. Dr Joh Gribbin discusses the paradoxes of creating a convincing alien. With D Lessing, Gwyneth Jones McAuley and Lisa Tuttle (r)
11.30 The Doctors (FM only). medical drama series s Merseyside With Lynda Gregory, Richard O'Sull and Sue Johnston (5/6)
11.30 Today in Parliament (L only)
12.00 News incl **12.27am** ap Weather
12.30 The Late Book: The Se World of the Irish Mail O'Connor reads the first five parts from his diary Ireland's odyssey in the World Cup **12.45** Shipp Forecast **1.00** World Service

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A pair of star-crossed lovers take their leave

...d so, with a single leap, he ...as gone. Superman was ...ff to start a new life on ...ypton, a lump of galactic ...iting a dying sun. He was ...ing Lois. Life, or at least ...y nights, would never be ...e again.

...lly, it took several leaps to ...e latest series of **The New ...ures of Superman** (BBC1) ...d. Each time you thought it ...e over, back would fly the ...1 fights for yet another ... cuddle with his Earth-beloved. "I'll be here wait-...ark." Lois sobbed, still in ... after discovering that her ... had been married to ... at birth: "If you can ...you will."

... emotions running high, ...as no room for convention-... departure chat. After all, ...'t ask superheroes whether ...re sure they've packed ...ing (when did you last see Superman with a suitcase anyway?) or whether they've got a clean hankie, you keep to the serious stuff. I-love-yous were batted to and fro, the last transmitted telepathically from somewhere near Alpha Centauri. It really was all over.

In common with many of its adult admirers, I have found this series somewhat less enjoyable than its predecessors. Some have blamed this on Teri Hatcher's new "let's get serious" hairstyle, others on her newly gamine silhouette. Certainly, there is less to Lois than there used to be. But Hatcher was exceptionally good in Saturday night's finale, exuding a top-class mix of vulnerability and heart-broken resilience. No, the problem does not lie with her.

The problem lies with the story itself. The reason why the programme has proved so popular with the grown-ups was its producers' early recognition that in Lois and Clark they had a romance every bit as potent, every bit as tragic as *Romeo and Juliet*. The difficulty is that while Romeo and Juliet die just once (sorry, I know you don't like me giving away endings) the requirements of television mean that Lois and Clark have to be thwarted in love up to 26 times a year. Once the set-backs hit double figures... well, even the most romantic soul loses interest.

REVIEW

Matthew Bond

Earlier in this series, the producers broke with decades of tradition by allowing Lois to discover that Superman and Clark were one and the same. At the time, I thought they handled the moment beautifully, but looking back, that may be where the romantic rot set in.

Lois loves Superman while Clark loves Lois was a captivating one-off: the only eternal triangle to have two corners. Lois loves Clark and Clark loves Lois is all very nice, but it has proved a little ordinary in comparison and something of a challenge to the normally resourceful team of scriptwriters. Still, the last episode — greatly enlivened by Roger Daltrey's presence as an acid-spitting alien assassin — was a gem. A spot of galactic absence may yet make the heart grow fonder.

Last night's television was conspicuous for two documentaries which promised one thing and then delivered quite another. **William Morris: The Earthly Paradox** (BBC1) pledged us William Morris, the man, rather than Morris, the wallpaper, while **Encounters: The Beast of Bardia** (Channel 4) promised mammoths, monsters and giant elephants. What we ended up with was a very enjoyable 50 minutes which still had lots of wallpaper in it, followed by a disappointing hour spent looking at somebody's expensive safari holiday snaps.

Reassessing Morris is no easy task, we learnt in Tim Niel's neatly assembled portrait. The dismissal of Morris the political radical, Morris the socialist revolutionary, dates right back to *The Times*'s obituary of 1896, which described his fiercely-held convictions as "mistaken enthusiasms... as nothing compared to the lasting works of his better genius".

Of course, there are those who feel that his wallpapers were his mistaken enthusiasms. "A man filled with the wrong ideas", always looking backward when he should have been looking forward, was how Terence Conran provocatively described him at the beginning of the programme.

But while his designs may have been drawn from his beloved Middle Ages, Morris was looking forward in other ways, particularly in his political beliefs. Unlike most of us, Morris got more left-wing as he got older, embracing a brand of revolutionary socialism that, according to Niel, eventually bordered on anarchy: anti-government, anti-money, anti-marriage... but never, ever anti-wallpaper.

Particularly interesting was a section speculating on what this man of paradoxes would be doing if he were alive today. Would he have embraced mass production (something he despised) to bring his designs to the common herd (something he loved)? Or would he be running a craft centre specialising in expensive, hand-printed wallpapers and re-caning chairs, somewhere in Clapham? Personally, I thought a third suggestion had the ring of truth about it — that he'd be up a tree, protesting about the Newbury bypass.

As for the beasts of Bardia, they turned out to be three, possibly four, big elephants with two big bumps on their heads. The film was blighted by an annoyingly over-cooked narration ("as night falls, Blashford-Snell is concerned ... Adrian is still in the jungle, way past the six o'clock curfew") and a distinct lack of pictures of the beasts being sought. I made it about 30 seconds, which in a documentary down for an hour was definitely not enough.

● *Lynne Truss is on holiday*

...usiness Breakfast (27342)
...pic Breakfast. The best of the ...ight action. Featuring Great Britain v ...Korea in the men's hockey and four ...ming finals (s) Includes 7.15, 7.45 8.15 News (18803)
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...pic Grandstand. Extended high-... of swimming, boxing, gymnastics, ...strianism, weightlifting, volleyball ...wrestling competitions (Ceefax) (s). ...des 11.00; 12.00 News (49361716)
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...s (Ceefax) and Weather (667)
...onal News Magazines (919)
...Essential Olympics. Desmond ...m introduces news from a busy day ...pool, the rowing heats featuring the ...n men's and women's eights. Plus ...middleweight judo final, live action ...the boxing ring; the closing rounds ...shooting and the dressage section ...three-day event (Ceefax) (s) (4261)
...Enders. The Fowlers prepare for ...'s inquest (Ceefax) (s) (9629)
...Doctor Beeching! Everyone turns ...help Cecil move into the Station ...'s house (Ceefax) (s) (1464)
...; Regional News; Weather ...ax) (2174)
...Writing on the Wall. Part two of a ...art thriller set among the tensions ...uncertainties of the new Europe. ...security at an RAF base in ...any is shattered by a bomb, Bull — ...5 anti-terrorism expert — is flown in ...vestigate. With Bill Paterson and ...Immie (Ceefax) (s) (200803)
...pic Grandstand. Introduced by ...ond Lynam and featuring 10.30 ...astics: Coverage from the third day ...competition, starting with the final ...en's team gymnastics (56361716) ...5am Swimming Including the ...en's 400m freestyle, featuring ...n's Sarah Hardcastle; plus the finals ...men's 200m butterfly, men's 100m ...tyle, women's 100m backstroke; ...s 200m butterfly and women's 4 x ...1 freestyle relay (121304) 2.10 ...strianism/Weightlifting/Hockey/ ...g/Volleyball/Basketball. Plus the ...news from day two of the dressage ...on of the three-day event, boxing, ...ing, weightlifting, hockey, volleyball ...basketball (s) (5027217)
...: Murder in the Music Hall (1946, ...starring Vera Hruba Ralston, William ...hall and Helen Walker. The ...estra leader of a music hall comes to ...escue of the woman he loves who is ...sed of murder Directed by John ...sh (81946). Ends 6.00

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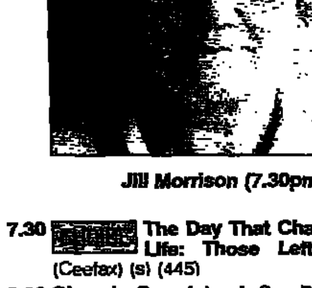
6.10am Open University: Age and Identity (9820006)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceefax) (57024290)
9.05 Spiderman (3474735) **9.25 To Me... To You** (6574648) **9.55 Poddington Peas** (6453822) **10.00 Playdays** (6367071) **10.25 Man in a Suitcase** (Ceefax) (7195844) **11.15 The Addams Family** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (4784532)
11.40 The Phil Silvers Show (r) (Ceefax) (2505071) **12.05 Police Squad** (r) (7186377)
12.30pm Working Lunch (51613) **1.00 Model Millie** (76140551) **1.15 A-Z of Food: J for Jam** (72979193) **1.25 Wear It Well** (76136358) **1.40 The Oprah Winfrey Show** (2195613) **2.20 A Week to Remember** (38341667) **2.30 The Time of Your Life** (7214984) **2.50 Don't Be an Anorak!** (8436975) **3.00 News, and Weather** (9240990) **3.05 The Natural World** (6064984)
3.55 News and Weather (2615984)
4.00 Cartoon (7334822) **4.05 Fudge** (2797532) **4.30 Bright Sparks** (716) **5.00 Newsround** (8611087) **5.10 Sera** (Ceefax) (7907342)
5.35 I'm Still a Tourist: Edinburgh Canal Centre (r) (142700)
5.50 FILM: The End of the Golden Weather (1991) With Stephen Fulford, Stephen Papps and Paul Gittins. New Zealand film about an unlikely friendship between a young boy and a mentally handicapped man, Firpo, with Olympic ambitions. The locals challenge Firpo to a race, which has unforseen consequences Directed by Ian Mune (Ceefax) (94651667)



Jill Morrison (7.30pm)

7.30 [CHOICE] The Day That Changed My Life: Those Left Behind (Ceefax) (s) (445)
8.00 Olympic Grandstand. Sue Barker with continued action from Atlanta, including *the finals of the judo middleweight* section, men's and women's fencing, weightlifting, volleyball, wrestling and yachting (s) (39760193)
10.20 2 Dance: Dance for the Camera — Dwell Time and Pace. Two specially commissioned programmes for the *Dance for the Camera* series The first involves a stranger with an accordion who leads a group of dancers in search of a tune and the second is an energetic solo piece that explores speed and is punctuated with moments of tension-filled calm (467483)
10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (888025)
11.15 [CHOICE] Double Exposure: Out of the Deep Pan. A comedy caper (Ceefax) (s) (741700)
11.50 Holiday Outings (638990)
12.00 The Midnight Hour with Sir Bernard Ingham (99675)
12.30am-6.00 The Learning Zone

CHOICE

The Day that Changed My Life: Those Left Behind
BBC2, 7.30pm

There can be nothing more devastating than burying one of your own children. In the natural order of things they are supposed to bury you. But for Jill Morrison that nightmare became a reality on 21 September 1988. She was woken at 5.00am to be told that her 25-year-old daughter Alison was missing. Her body was found later that day, murdered by her husband. Jill's first thought was for the three small sons. At an age when she and her second husband should be taking it easy, they agreed to bring up the boys themselves, and on the evidence of this film, they have made a wonderful job of it. Grief, irreplaceable loss and life-changing responsibility are the legacy of those left behind.

If I Were Prime Minister
Channel 4 8.00pm

Playing fantasy politics this week is the director of the Liberation Alliance, Chris Tame. Tame by name but certainly not by nature, this fierce-eyed, hawk-nosed visionary advocates a policy of extreme liberty where individual responsibility replaces government interference. His manifesto includes the privatisation of all public places, the decriminalisation of drugs, abolition of all forms of censorship and an armed citizenry. He believes that "most social and economic problems are either created or worsened by government" and that the nanny state should be abolished. Tame claims his controversial views stem from his youthful reading of science fiction, giving the makers an excuse to frame the interviews with *X Files* references. Alienating both the right and left-wing, Tame must surely be the one of the few men with less chance of becoming Prime Minister than John Major.

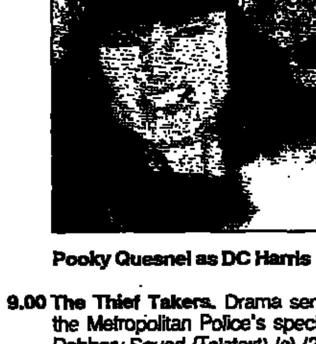
Double Exposure: Out of the Deep Pan
BBC2, 11.15pm

Forget *Oh! Doctor Beeching*. If comedy drama is your fancy tonight's highlight is this refreshing, cliché-free little gem from Belfast writer Tim Loane. His is the first of five new plays, the winners of a script-writing competition, to be shown nightly this week under the *Double Exposure* strand. Young writers were invited by the Beeb and Initial Films to bring a "fresh and innovative approach to television drama". Loane has certainly done that. The plot is centred onthe entrepreneurial efforts of a Belfast boy to launch "Corleone's Pizzas" and the fast-food mafia who try to get a slice of his dough. It would be churlish to give away all the delights of the recipe. Suffice to say that there is a sprinkle of slapstick, a lot of naughtiness and a great deal of funny juxtapositions.

Carmen Miranda: Bananas is My Business
Channel 4, 11.40pm

Fruit-festooned turban, bare midriff and platform heels — who else but that camp icon, Carmen Miranda. Much imitated but never surpassed, the image of the fiery Latino woman is Carmen's legacy and burden. This highly personal film from Helena Solberg, shown as part of the *Latino Nights* season, is more than just a history of Carmen's life. It attempts to show the impact of the Lady in the Tutti Frutti hat (borrowed from the women of Bahia) on Brazilian culture and on the film-maker herself. Undisputed queen of the samba, Carmen left for Hollywood in 1939 as an ambassador for South American music. Her success brought nothing but jealousy and accusations of "Americanisation" from her countrymen and she was rejected in Brazil. **Frances Lass**

6.00am GMTV (1208025)
9.25 Halfway Across the Galaxy and Turn Left (r) (Teletext) (s) (6570822) **9.50 Hope and Gloria** (7046716) **10.20 News** (Teletext) (9422358) **10.25 HTV News** (Teletext) (9421629)
10.30 FILM: My Brother's Wife (1989). Comedy with John Ritter and Mel Harris Directed by Jack Bender (86030087)
12.20 HTV News (Teletext) (2254919)
12.30 News and weather (Teletext) (9763396)
12.55 Shortland Street (s) (9743087) **1.25 Coronation Street** (r) (Teletext) (5996193) **2.00 Home and Away** (r) (Teletext) (s) (61636532) **2.25 Designed by Emanuel** (Teletext) (61655667) **2.50 Garden Calendar** (Teletext) (9435822)
3.40 Tots TV (1193174) **3.50 St Tiggywinkles** (1199358) **4.00 Scooby Doo** (4657445) **4.15 The Famous Five** (672735) **4.45 The Great Dinosaur Trail** (5146483)
5.10 The Dressing Up Show (7517551)
5.40 News and weather (Teletext) (507193)
6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (607613)
6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (897754)
6.50 Let's Go (277261)
7.00 The List (8377)
7.00 NEW Celebrity Squares. Bob Monkhouse presents the comedy quiz (8377)
7.30 Coronation Street. Bill learns his son's bad news (Teletext) (241)
8.00 World in Action. Presenter Lynn Faulds-Wood reveals how she survived bowel cancer while footballer Bobby Moore died of the illness (s) (Teletext) (7025)
8.30 Police, Camera, Action. Examples of outrageous driving on Britain's roads (r) (Teletext) (6532)



Pooky Quesnel as DC Harris (9.00pm)

9.00 The Thief Takers. Drama series about the Metropolitan Police's special Armed Robbery Squad (Teletext) (s) (2613)
10.00 News (Teletext) and weather (24025)
10.30 HTV News (412629)
10.40 Limited Edition. Tracing Deborah Kerr's career from her early days in Weston-Super-Mare to in Hollywood (800396)
11.10 Good Advice (r) (797342)
11.40 Inner Journeys (r) (Teletext) (833358)
12.10 Bushell on the Box (s) (9819101)
12.40 The Big Match — Replayed (9719694)
1.25 FILM: Confessions of a Married Man (1983) with Robert Conrad, Jennifer Warren and Mary Crosby. A man leaves his family for a younger woman, but soon regrets his decision. Directed by Steve Gethers (543085)
3.05 Crime Hour (6290061) **4.05 Jones and Jury** (s) (37057830) **4.30 The Time... the Place** (r) (s) (67410) **5.00 An Invitation to Remember** (r) (s) (19385) **5.30 News** (87830)

As HTV WEST except:
2.25pm Look and Cook (61655667)
2.50 The New Mr & Mrs Show (9435822)
5.10-5.40 Tribe (7517551)
6.25 Wales Tonight (961754)
7.00-7.30 Artyfax (8377)
10.40 People Like Us (800396)
11.10 Tropical Heat (673280)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:
10.30am Murder, She Wrote (1288648)
11.25 Side Effects (3139613)
12.15pm A Quick Run (2266754)
12.55 Coronation Street (9743087)
1.25-1.55 Cross Wits (61596648)
1.55 Home and Away (92880716)
2.25 Wild about Cornwall (61646919)
2.55-3.20 A Country Practice (7317025)
5.10-5.40 Home and Away (7517551)
6.00 Westcountry Live (36358)
7.00-7.30 Celebrity Squares (8377)
10.40 An Independent Man (182498)
11.40 Hotspots. A comparison of rescue services in Germany with those in Devon and Cornwall (833358)

CENTRAL

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MERIDIAN

As HTV West except: **9.50-10.20 Sandokan** (7046716) **10.30 Worzel Gummidge Down Under** (35236) **11.00 Dogtanian and the Three Muskehounds** (3807822) **11.25 Go Getters** (3817209) **11.55 Dungeons and Dragons** (2695648) **12.55pm Coronation Street** (9743087) **1.25 Home and Away** (61596648) **1.55 Shortland Street** (92880716) **2.25-3.20 Blue Heelers** (7836261) **5.10 Home and Away** (7517551) **6.00 Meridian Tonight** (735) **6.30 Summer Getaways** (777) **7.00-7.30 Celebrity Squares** (8377) **10.40 The Pier** (887445) **11.05 The Listings** (682551) **11.10 An Independent Man** (673280)

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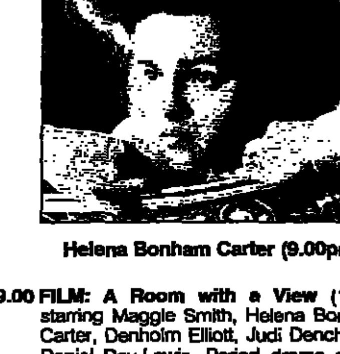
1.00 Sesame Street (r) (s) (47464)
2.00 Baby (38332919)
2.05 Desperately Seeking Something (r) (Teletext) (s) (1586735)
2.40 FILM: Never to Love (aka Bill of Divorcement) (1940) starring Maureen O'Hara, who sacrifices her marriage and happiness to look after her mentally ill father. With Adolphe Menjou and Fay Bainter Directed by John Farrow (Teletext) (2902261)
4.00 Backdate (Teletext) (s) (700) **4.30 Countdown** (Teletext) (s) (984) **5.00 The Montel Williams Show**(3568006)
5.50 Terrytoons (418261)
6.00 The Cosby Show (r) (Teletext) (377)
6.30 Boy Meet World (Teletext) (629)
7.00 Channel 4 News (971939)
7.55 The Slot (306532)
8.00 [CHOICE] If I Were Prime Minister. The third in the series features Chris Tame, Director of the Liberation Alliance, an organisation that advocates extreme liberty (Teletext) (5667)
8.30 The Real Coronation Street. The neighbours in a road in Salford, whose lives are every bit as turbulent as those of their fictional counterparts (4174)



Helena Bonham Carter (9.00pm)

9.00 FILM: A Room with a View (1985) starring Maggie Smith, Helena Bonham Carter, Denholm Elliott, Judi Dench and Daniel Day-Lewis. Period drama set in Florence about a young Englishwoman's grand tour of Europe turning into a voyage of discovery. Directed by James Ivory (80551735)
11.10 Murder and the Feather Boa. The murder four years ago of La Vanessa, the organiser of the first gay rights march in Chiapas State, Mexico, is the key point in this study of transvestite culture (795984)
11.40 [CHOICE] Carmen Miranda: Bananas Is My Business (923613)
1.25am El Porno. Today, Mexico is one of the most sexually liberated countries in South America — despite its strong Roman Catholic heritage (r) (2243120)
1.55 FILM: The Gang's All Here (1943) starring Alice Faye as a nightclub entertainer who falls in love with soldier James Ellison. Carmen Miranda steals the show, singing *The Lady In the Tutti-Frutti Hat*. Directed by Busby Berkeley (835439). Ends at 3.50

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SKY MOVIES GOLD

12.00 The Lost Continent (1968) (83984) 2.00pm Frankie and Johnny (1966) (60735) 3.30 The Young Philadelphians (1959) (355209) 6.00 Shepherd of the Hills (1941) (17826) 8.00 Cocoon (1985) (67321) 10.00 F/X — Murder by Illusion (1986) (283667) 11.55 Cherry, Harry and Raquel (1969) (365087) 1.15am Who's That Knocking at My Door? (1968) (406168) 2.45-5.00 Call Me Madam (1953) (400651)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Back to the Beach (1987) (96437396) 7.35 Dogtanian in: One for All and All for One (1995) (3004803) 9.00 My Summer Story (1994) (66342) 10.30 The Polar Bear King (1992) (40193) 12.00 Courage of Rin Tin Tin (1962) (23261) 2.00pm Buck Privates (1941) (36342) 4.00 Dogtanian in: One for All and All for One (1995) (32936648) 5.50 The Living Daylights (1987) (71830938) 8.00 Wyatt Earp (1994) (33760919) 11.10 Ulterior Motives (1994) (329193) 12.50am Murder Between Friends (1994) (980804) 2.30 Getting Out (1993) (573168) 4.05-6.00 The Visitors (1972) (231491)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm to 4am.
6.05am Quack Attack (78746990) 6.30 Chip 'n' Dale (64264445) 6.55 Chip 'n' Dale (64276280) 7.20 Ducktales (71881939) 7.45 Ducktales (34390938) 8.10 Quack Attack (81139862) 8.35 Darkwing Duck (47523532) 9.00 Darkwing Duck (95116754) 9.30 Quack Attack (14779700) 10.00 Raw Toonage (84762280) 10.30 Marsupilami (95112938) 11.00 Chip 'n' Dale (82824396) 11.20 Chip 'n' Dale (82600716) 11.45 Sing Me a Story with Belle (53672754) 12.15pm Lamb Chops Play Along! (64042261) 12.45 Muppet Babies (50378803) 1.00 FILM: In the Nick of Time (37127025) 2.30 Eve of the Storm (84881938) 3.00 Ducktales (10673071) 3.25 Quack Attack (10765006) 3.50 Chip 'n' Dale (68116700) 4.15 Darkwing Duck (59910803) 4.40 Darkwing Duck (73192464) 5.00 Gargoyles (66388667) 5.30 Raw Toonage (84885754) 6.00 Marsupilami (46146236) 6.20 Emerald Cove (52291629) 6.30 Dinosaurs (84873919) 7.00 Zorro (66368803) 7.30 FILM: Mary of Scotland (98048803) 9.30-10.00 Dinosaurs (14866280)

EUROSPORT

8.00am Good Morning Atlanta. The day's coverage begins (21848) 8.30 Good Morning Atlanta (76377) 7.00 Swimming (37396) 8.00 Boxing (38025) 9.00 Artistic Gymnastics (77006) 11.00 Olympic Team Spirit (85990) 12.00 Swimming (37990) 1.00pm Artistic Gymnastics (53938) 2.00 Live Rowing (769648) 5.00 Artistic Gymnastics (3483) 5.30 Swimming (91700) 6.30 Live Boxing (72241) 8.00 Olympic Extra (9667) 8.30 Live Judo (91071) 9.30 Live Fencing (768377) 10.15 Live Artistic Gymnastics (436822) 12.00 Olympic Special (95897) 12.30am Weightlifting (49120) 1.00 Live Boxing (9884965) 4.30 Boxing (88052) 5.00 Good Morning Atlanta (24255) 5.30 Swimming (96526)

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Gillette World Sport Special (12667) 7.30 Watersports World (95754) 8.30 Racing News (98759) 9.00 Aerobics Oz Style (23209) 9.30 Sunday League Cricket (63483) 11.00 Super League (20862) 12.00 Sky's Top 20 Games 1995/96 (85025) 2.00pm Watersports World (66990) 3.00 World Eight Ball Pool Championships: Team Semi-Final One (19087) 5.00 Rebel Sports (5087) 5.30 Max Out (1700) 6.00 Sky Sports Centre (207377) 6.05 Over 35's Soccer Tournament. The Beachcomber Tours Soccer Sevens (401822) 7.00 The Winning Post — Live. Incl the 7.25, 7.55 and 8.25 at Windsor and the 7.10, 7.40, 8.10 and 8.40 at Beverley (92803) 9.00 World Cup Bloopers (53087) 10.00 Sky Sports Centre (199445) 10.15 Skiff Sailing. UK Series (129193) 10.45 This Week in Baseball (128464) 11.15 Federation Cup Tennis. Semi-final (46889984) 2.15am World Cup Bloopers (450694) 3.15 Skiff Sailing: UK Series (498236) 3.45-4.00 Sky Sports Centre (53141192)

SKY SPORTS GOLD

10.00pm Bobby Charlton's Football Scrapbook. The Life of Bryan (6221754) 11.30-1.00am World Cup Classics: Brazil v Italy 1970 (4348377)

THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL

4.00am Thought for the Day 4.05 Worship 4.15 Kidz TV 4.30 Voice of Faith with Walter Hallam 5.00 Voice of Victory with Kenneth and Gloria Copeland 5.30 Christian Music TV 5.45 Miracles — Yesterday Today and Forever 6.15 Word of Live with Ulf Ekman 6.45-7.00 Good Morning Europe

Charlie Chaplin, the master of silent comedy (Sky Movies, 8.50am)

SKY SOAP

7.00am Guiding Light (3070990) 7.55 As the World Turns (4868358) 8.50 Peyton Place (9286342) 9.20 Days of Our Lives (9936532) 10.10-11.00 Another World (4128209)

SKY TRAVEL

11.00am Boomerang (3298254) 11.30 Independent Travellers Guide (8630648) 12.30pm Pierre Franey's Cooking in France (6403551) 1.00 Getaway (6043174) 1.30 Great Escapes (6402822) 2.00 Trailside — Make Your Own Adventure (2445629) 2.30 Mansions (1766071) 3.00 Globetrotter (2457464) 3.30 Around the World (5744342) 3.55-4.00 Holiday Shop (86278006)

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm Shock Troops (5298434) 5.00 British Air Travel (2448716) 6.00-7.00 Biography: Women in Power Week: Hillary Rodham Clinton (6315342)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

Films, features and classic sci-fi series every day from 8am-2am on cable and 1am-4am, plus 7pm-10pm Monday-Wednesday, on satellite
7.00pm Battlestar Galactica (3546754) 8.00 Starman (3522174) 9.00 Outer Limits (9898498) 9.30 Tomorrow People (6490087) 10.00 Close 1.00am Six Million Dollar Man (2863930) 2.00-4.00 FILM: Mystery on Monster Island (3204168)

TLC

9.00am The Joy of Painting (5555071) 9.30 Grow Your Own (8328087) 10.00 Neat Stuff (5314377) 10.30 This Old House (5657483) 11.00 The Painted House (1435261) 11.30 Room Service (1436990) 12.00 Julia Child (5548735) 12.30pm The Frugal Gourmet (8322803) 1.00 Simply Delicious Versatile Vegetables (1211209) 1.30 Home Again with Bob Vila (8321174) 2.00 Our House (7908223) 2.30 Garden Club (3121735) 3.00 Two's Country (9904806) 3.30-4.00 This Old House (3126280)

UK GOLD

7.00am Happy Ever After (1214396) 7.30 Neighbours (1293803) 8.00 Sons and Daughters (5847006) 8.30 EastEnders (5646377) 8.00 The Bill (5637829) 9.30 The Sullivans (8320445) 10.00 Fourth Arm (1299087) 11.00 Bullseye (1444919) 11.30 Tellystack (1787716) 12.05pm Sons and Daughters (83108735) 12.30 Neighbours (8324261) 1.00 EastEnders (2335667) 1.35 Hi-De-Hi (4201754) 2.15 Man About the House (8292984) 2.50 Three Up, Two Down (8946071) 3.30 The Bill (3135938) 4.00 Casualty (52539613) 5.05 Tellystack (54734822) 5.35 XYZ (9450754) 6.05 Taxi (4912272) 6.25 EastEnders (4867464) 7.00 The Two Ronnies (3780342) 8.00 FILM: Porridge (3873006) 10.00 The Bill (3069532) 10.35 The Hitch Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy (3357025) 11.15 Capital City (6214613) 12.15am FILM: Roughshod (2454491) 1.45-3.00 Shopping at Night

TCC

6.00am Tiny TCC (23532) 7.00 Tiny and Crew (53358) 8.00 Barney and Friends (55822) 8.30 Dinobabies (54193) 9.00 Art Attack (45445) 9.30 Byker Grove (81735) 10.00 Heartbreak High (91808) 11.00 Madison (89938) 11.30 Hang Time (80667) 12.00 Degrassi Junior High (65209) 12.30pm Pugwall's Summer (85551) 1.00 California Dreams (16700) 1.30 No Naked Flames (84822) 2.00 Ready or Not (8193) 2.30 Madison (1342) 3.00 Heartbreak High (84483) 4.00 California Dreams (8822) 4.30-5.00 Byker Grove (4006)

NICKELODEON

6.00am Bananas in Pyjamas (9516938) 6.15 Mr Men (9504193) 6.30 Babar (72551) 7.00 Littlest Pet Shop (10209) 7.30 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (99716) 8.00 Biker Mice from Mars (28700) 8.30 Mighty Max (27071) 9.00 Rugrats (30342) 10.00 Real Monsters (63803) 10.30 Doug (10735) 11.00 Rocko's Modern Life (36822) 11.30 Pete and Pete (37551) 12.00 Alex Mack (98777) 12.30pm Ren and Stimpy (38629) 1.00 Santo Bugito (20680) 1.30 Capital Critters (57700) 2.00 Ferrals (2377) 2.30 Mighty Max (1754) 3.00 Biker Mice from Mars (8984) 3.30 Aaahh!! Real Monsters (5311) 4.00 Tales from the Cryptkeeper (2006) 4.30 Rugrats (1990) 5.00 Sister Sister (5464) 6.00 Alex Mack (2483) 6.30-7.00 Are You Afraid of the Dark? (3735)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Legends of History (1353613) 5.00 Time Travellers (4954303) 5.30 Jurassica (3125551) 6.00 Beyond 2000 (8330822) 7.00 Wild Things: Human/Nature (4859759) 7.30 Mysterious Forces Beyond (3039700) 8.00 The Russian Revolution (8554367) 8.30 Lords of the Animals (8358764) 9.00 On the Road Again (3880396) 10.00 Nighthawk: Secrets of the Stealth (3883483) 11.00-12.00 Defying the Mafia (1298358)

BRAVO

12.00 The Adventures of Robin Hood (5835261) 12.30pm The Adventures of William Tell (8326629) 1.00 thirtysomething (8241984) 2.00 Man from Interpol (4069957) 2.30 Scotland Yard (3118261) 3.00 The Saint (1434532) 4.00 FILM: Witness for the Prosecution (5209290) 6.00 The New Adventures of Charlie Chan (3119990) 6.30 Danger Man (3037342) 7.00 Automan (3888938) 8.00 Weird Worlds! Planet of the Apes (3864358) 9.00 Starsky and Hutch (3877822) 10.00-12.00 FILM: Love and Bullets (1433803)

PARAMOUNT

7.00pm Family Ties (8193) 7.30 Entertainment Tonight (9919) 8.00 Wings (9613) 8.30 Laverne and Shirley (1648) 9.00 Soap (23358) 9.30 Taxi (41193) 10.00 Entertainment Tonight (48236) 10.30 The Critic (11454) 11.00 Dr Katz (28803) 11.30 Nightstand (31209) 12.30am I Love Lucy (52694) 1.00 Laverne and Shirley (70033) 1.30 Taxi (27439) 2.00 Entertainment Tonight (14052) 2.30 The Critic (92089) 3.00-4.00 Nightstand (44965)

UK LIVING

6.00am Kilroy (9368844) 7.00 Esther (2329551) 7.30 The Young and the Restless (4044377) 8.20 Gladrags and Glamour (4178025) 9.00 Masterchef 1993 (3652700) 9.35 Kate and Allie (8621984) 10.00 Entertainment Now! (8249193) 10.05 Jerry Springer (8584938) 11.00 The Young and the Restless (4337445) 11.55 Brookside (4158532) 12.30pm Gabrielle (7334006) 1.20 Catchword (3171822) 2.00 Cagney and Lacey (2558629) 3.00 Live at Three (2386613) 4.00 Infatuation UK (7048445) 4.30 Crosswits (7001532) 5.05 Lingo (84705261) 5.30 Lucky Ladders (7068209) 6.00 Bewitched (7058822) 6.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (3190648) 7.05 Brookside (6784213) 7.35 Trivial Pursuit (9236629) 8.00 Street Legal (1905241) 9.00 FILM: Make Me an Offer (50337445) 10.55 Sex Life (4710174) 11.25-12.00 More Sex Life

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Road to Avonlea (1280) 6.00 Batman (2071) 6.30 Catchphrase (9551) 7.00 Trivial Pursuit (9209) 7.30 Fall Guy (90735) 8.30 Only When I Laugh (7464) 9.00 Father Dowling (97445) 10.00 Treasure Hunt (90532) 11.00 Sirens (41367) 12.00 Fall Guy (54897) 1.00am Batman (16858) 1.30 Father Dowling (67830) 2.30 All Together Now (46875) 3.00 Big Brother Jake (29323) 3.30 GP (60255) 4.00-5.00 Road to Avonlea

MTV

7.30am First Look (91862) 8.00 Morning Mix (119754) 11.00 US Top 20 (14342) 12.00 Greatest Hits (73716) 1.00pm Music Non-Stop (62445) 3.00 Select MTV (80613) 4.00 Hanging Out Summertime (45754) 5.30 Dial MTV (7716) 6.00 Greatest Hits (99700) 7.00 Hit List UK (41321) 9.00 Beach Bum Festival (61532) 9.30 MTV Amour (81957) 10.30 Chere MTV (44716) 11.00 Yo! (54174) 1.00am Night Videos (7257385) 5.00-6.00 Awake on the Wildside

VH-1

7.00am Power Breakfast (6042445) 9.00 Cafe VH-1 (2947822) 12.00 Heart and Soul (6491716) 1.00pm The Vinyl Years (6400464) 2.00 Ten of the Best (1921174) 3.00 Into the Music (8028990) 5.00 Happy Hour (6317700) 7.00 VH-1 for You (3442984) 8.00 VH-1 Album Chart (3535648) 10.00 The Bridge (6940629) 10.30 Planet Rock Profiles (6959377) 11.00 Tommy Vance (8964984) 1.00am Ten of the Best (5568548) 2.00 Dawn Patrol (4345168)

ZEE TV

7.00am Jagran (68575280) 8.30 Life Style (82302919) 8.30 News (82302919) 9.00 Ridhi Sidhi (82213071) 9.30 Galaxzee (46976261) 10.00 Serial (92178613) 11.00 Khana Khazana (86461358) 11.30 Tara (94204025) 1.00pm FILM (79478396) 4.00 BBCD (60987445) 4.30 Hum Paanch (60983629) 5.00 Zee Zone (41587551) 5.30 Akbar Birbal (60907209) 6.00 Usha Uthup (60997822) 6.30 Zee and U (60988174) 7.00 Parampara (86150984) 8.00 News (41583735) 8.30 Film Chakker (41499342) 9.00 FILM (51940025) 11.30-12.00 Scandal (24245532)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT

Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.
7.00pm Gigi (1958) (59254919) 9.00 Victor, Victoria (1982) (72135071) 12.15 The Time Machine (1960) (94622946) 2.00am Captain Sinbad (1963) (56673014) 3.30-5.00 The First of the Few (1943) (81514304)

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Pearson aims to expand TV side with stake in Flextech

By Eric Reguly

PEARSON, the media and entertainment group that owns the Financial Times, is negotiating to buy a stake in Flextech, the cable and satellite programmer, as part of a bid to expand its television interests.

The deal is expected to be signed within a couple of months and would make Pearson a shareholder in Britain's second largest source of pay-TV channels, after BSKyB, the satellite broadcaster, which is 40 per cent owned by News International, publisher of *The Times*.

The deal would put Pearson in the company of some of America's top media and programming groups. Flextech is half owned by Tele-Communications Inc, the leading cable-TV company. US West, the regional telephone company that controls TeleWest Communications, Britain's largest cable company, has 10 per cent of Flextech, while Hallmark Entertainment, the producer of made-for-TV movies, has 9 per cent. The negotiations between Pearson and Flextech are complex because Flextech wants Pearson to swap its stake in two Flextech channels — UK Gold and UK Living — for a Flextech stake.

Pearson owns about 20 per cent of UK Gold, whose programmes are drawn from the libraries of the BBC and Thames Television. Flextech has 27 per cent and wants to raise its UK Gold stake because it is the first non-BSkyB channel to go into profit.

Pearson also has about 22 per cent of UK Living, the women's channel in which Flextech has 31 per cent. Swapping its stakes in UK Gold and UK Living with Flextech would give Pearson between 5 and 8 per cent of Flextech. At current market prices, that is worth about £50 million.

Neither Flextech nor Pearson would comment on the talks. Flextech is said to be keen on recruiting Pearson as a direct shareholder because Pearson has emerged as a leading source of TV programming. An official close to the talks said: "This would lock in Pearson as a supplier."

Pearson is devoting more resources to television as part of its long-term stategy of focusing on international businesses in the media, entertainment and leisure sectors. Under Greg Dyke, chief executive of Pearson Television, the division is growing especially fast.

The divison includes Thames Television, Grundy Worldwide, the producer of *Neighbours*, Financial Times Television, a stake in Channel 5, the production arm of SelecTV, and ACI, the programme distributor in the US.

☐ The Mirror Group has joined a long list of potential bidders for Westminster Press, the regional newspaper company that was put on the auction block by Pearson last month.

However, the Mirror Group is thought to be unwilling to get into a serious bidding war because it is concerned that Westminster's recent circulation losses may be irreversible. Other potential bidders include Independent Newspapers of Ireland and Newsquest, the American-backed group that owns the former Reed regional newspapers.

Vital vote on future of Costain

By Our Deputy City Editor

THE two Middle East shareholders who control the fate of one of Britain's best-known builders were keeping their silence over the weekend before today's vital annual meeting. If sufficient investors vote today against the refinancing of Costain, the company has said it has no alternative but to call in the receivers.

Between them two Middle East builders, Kharafi of Kuwait and Raymond of Saudi Arabia, hold 38 per cent of the company. The former has said it will vote against the proposals and the Saudi concern is also thought to oppose them.

Kharafi rejects Costain's plans for a £74 million rights issue because this could give up to a 40 per cent stake to Intria, a new Malaysian investor. The company believes the plan would provide the Malaysians with effective control of Costain on the cheap.

Instead the Kuwaitis want a standstill accord with Costain's bankers, to allow for a fresh review of strategy and a new and slower rescue process.

Dealing in Costain's shares has been suspended at the company's request until a financial restructuring to reduce its £76 million debts.

Shareholders ready for test of strength on Greenbury

Two 'fat cat' deals face defeat

By Martin Waller, Deputy City Editor

THE Greenbury code on corporate practice, and the attempt to cut back on "fat cat" greed, faces its toughest test in a week of heated protest at annual shareholder meetings. At least two generous executive plans face defeat.

The two toughest tests for Greenbury, which lays down stricter controls before executives can pay themselves huge bonuses, both come on Friday. Shareholders of two merged providers of power and water, United Utilities and Hyder, will that day give their verdicts on the incentives, which have sparked strong protest.

United Utilities was created out of the merger of Norweb and North West Water, while Hyder is the renamed Welsh Water and South Wales Electricity. This week, other privatised companies may face tough questioning from shareholders over what directors are paid.

However, geographical distance may play a mitigating role. The meetings for East Midlands Electricity, Southern Electric and National Power are also on Friday, at widely different locations. Yorkshire Water, where shareholder pressure groups are opposing the appointment of Brandon Gough as chairman, meets the previous day.

Last week the pressure mounted on United, chaired by Sir Desmond Pitcher, to water down the planned long-term incentives package for executives, which is designed to remunerate them for additional stress and strain resulting from the merger. The company's largest shareholder, Norwich Union with 3.4 per cent, is opposed to the proposed long-term incentive plan in spite of attempts by Brian Staples, United's chief executive, to broker a peace.

Sources close to United were insisting last night that the opposition, as it had so far emerged, would not be enough to overturn the incentive scheme, which gives directors up to 87.5 per cent of their salary over a three-year period. But pressure groups as influential as the Association of British Insurers and the National Association of Pension Funds, the professional bodies for institutional investors, and Pensions Investment Research Consultants (PIRC) have ruled it unacceptable under the Greenbury code.

They have complained about the sheer complexity of the scheme and the fact that bonuses are triggered if the company outperforms the market as a whole, rather than comparable utilities as required by Greenbury. The latter complaint is echoed by protesters among the ranks of Hyder shareholders.

As many as a dozen of United's institutional investors are expected to vote against the plan, with others set to abstain. A sufficiently large protest vote, and a defeat for the board, would be an extraordinary coup for the pressure groups. It could also put other such executive remuneration schemes at risk.

STEWART GOLDSTEIN

"Fat cat" rows have overshadowed £400 million spent by water companies on cleaner beaches such as this one at Porthmeor, Cornwall

D-Day for £3.4bn defence contracts

By Oliver August

DEFENCE contracts worth as much as £3.4 billion could be awarded this week after last-minute lobbying by British and American manufacturers.

The main contract on the Ministry of Defence list is for a new £2 billion RAF maritime patrol aircraft. The Cabinet is to decide whether to refit the existing Nimrods, or buy the newly-developed Orion double-prop aircraft.

A British Aerospace partnership with Boeing, with GEC Marconi providing the electronics, is behind the Nimrod refitting, while the Orion would be produced by Lockheed Martin, also with involvement from GEC Marconi. While both consortiums claim to use a maximum of British expertise and labour, the BAe plan is thought to have the edge.

Earlier speculation had favoured the BAe bid but since the delay, there are rumours of strong political support for the Orion. Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, is said to be backing Orion, while Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, is closer to the BAe bid.

The second contract, worth £725 million, is also for the RAF. A mix of British and American companies are involved in the bidding to build a tank-busting anti-armour missile. GEC is the favourite to win, although a decision on the deal could have to await the November Budget. The third contract is for a conventionally armed stand-off missile, valued at £650 million. Of the seven bidding consortiums, the favourite is BAe in conjunction with Matra of France.

Later this summer an announcement on a £4 billion investment in the production lines for the Eurofighter aircraft is expected.

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Energy shares on way

The 600,000 new pr shareholders in Bi Energy, the priva nuclear power gener will receive their s certificates through post this week.

Dealing costs mean vate investors, who more than half of the billion issue, cannot e a profit unless the rises well above the share first instalment.

CBI call

The Government sh make a series of changes, including s in inheritance and co ration tax, to encou investment in small fi the Confederation of ish Industry says to CBI leaders call for ther steps to "develo climate in which entre neurship and talent flourish".

Output high

Regions that have att ed foreign investment bucking the weak nati trend for manufacturi report by Business St gies, the economics co tancy, says toc Scotland, Wales, the Midlands and Nort Ireland, magnets for ward investment, seen relatively strong put this year.

Pay rising

Pay settlements are following inflation dc wards, a new study Incomes Data Serv the independent pay cialist, says today. latest review of cur wage movements sh rises averaging 3 to 4 cent, with more than worth 3.5 per cent or m

NatWest bil

The National Westmin Bank refused to comm last night on a report restructuring branches would wipe half-way profits. City lysts believe interim ures early next week feature a pre-tax loss much as £100 million.

Elf denial

Elf, the French oil pany, denied a report it has put its UK refi and marketing opera up for sale for more £300 million.

Goldman Sachs acquires CINMan

By Martin Waller

ONE of the longest-awaited deals in the fund-management industry will be completed today when Goldman Sachs, the American securities house, acquires British Coal's CIN Management (CINMan).

Agreement was reached between the two parties yesterday, and a formal signing will take place today, with completion subject to certain regulatory formalities.

But the most significant of such clearances — approval from the Department of Trade and Industry for the American group to take control of the fund — has already been granted.

CINMan is one of the City's most powerful investment groups, with £15 billion of marketable securities under management.

No price for the deal has been announced, but Goldman is thought to be paying between £40 million and £50 million.

The CINMan deal has fallen through once. The price being paid by Goldman is somewhat below the £70 million agreed with an earlier buyer, Friends Provident, last December.

In all, the disposal of CINMan has taken a total of 16 months. It is the second sale of British Coal's pension-related activities, which are being transferred to private-sector management.

In October CinVen, manager of the venture-capital assets of the coal and railways pension schemes, went to a management buy-out.

The third sale, of British Coal's property management business, controlling £1.4 billion of assets, is expected in the autumn.

Caterpillar may scupper Lucas deal

CATERPILLAR, the largest maker of earthmoving equipment, is said to be considering a bid for Varity, the American motor components company. Such a move would scupper the £3.2 billion merger agreed by Varity with Lucas, the British engineer.

Lucas would not comment on speculation, and Varity and Caterpillar could not be reached. A Lucas spokesman said: "We're strongly committed to the merger."

Caterpillar, based in Peoria, Illinois, is expanding after a severe retrenchment programme in the 1980s and is thought to be most interested in Perkins, the diesel engine subsidiary of Varity.

Lucas is to seek shareholder approval for the merger at an extraordinary general meeting on August 13. Shareholders of Varity, of Buffalo, New York State, are due to vote on the deal a week later.

Court threat to Leeds bid

By Jason Nissé

THE controversial £16.5 million bid for Leeds United, the Premiership football club, by Caspian, the media group that owns the rights to Paddington Bear, could be blocked today in the High Court.

Peter Gilman, deputy chairman of Leeds and owner of 34 per cent of its shares, is asking the court to enforce a shareholder agreement he says he has with two other directors, Bill Fotherby and Leslie Silver, which would force them to sell out to Mr Gilman rather than Caspian.

Mr Gilman wants to accept a rival offer from Conrad, the leisurewear group, which would value Leeds at £20 million.

Mr Justice Rattie will decide whether an agreement was actually entered into when the three main shareholders in Leeds converted so-called "management shares" into ordinary shares last summer, increasing their holding to 99 per cent.

Mr Gilman and Caspian have been engaged in a war of words over the takeover since the Leeds board agreed to back Caspian rather than Conrad's bid two weeks ago.

A third bid from RGI, the Norwegian fishing and football conglomerate, was rejected out of hand.

Last week both Mr Gilman and Caspian wrote to Leeds shareholders attacking the other side.

On Friday Caspian said Mr Gilman's building company, GMI, had benefited from £11.5 million of contracts at Leeds over the past five years.

In Caspian's circular earlier this month, the contracts are mentioned as having been "negotiated on an arm's length basis or as a result of tendering process."

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Dole aims to show US he is fit to run for the presidency

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

BOB DOLE, who turns 73 today, sought to head off concerns about his age yesterday by disclosing medical records that show him to be in excellent health and full of energy.

If Mr Dole captures the White House in November, he will be the oldest American elected to a first term as President, and only five months younger than Ronald Reagan was at the start of his second term.

Mr Dole's doctors said there was no medical reason why he should not serve two four-year terms. But, in an unprecedented gesture, the Republican challenger said that if serious doubts arose about his mental or physical capacity during his presidency he would willingly undergo an independent medical examination.

This reassurance has been made all the more imperative by the latest *New York Times*/CBS News poll showing that a third of the voters believe Mr Dole's age makes him less able to be an effective President. They worry about his stamina and that he is out of touch with younger Americans.

Mr Dole's health is remarkable, given his medical history and physical limitations. His grievous wounds from the Second World War left him with a withered right arm and only one kidney. He has undergone surgery for prostate cancer, kidney stones, two polyps in his colon and a hernia. His latest check-up has shown no recurrence of prostate cancer five years after the operation.

Mr Dole weighs 12 stone 10 lb, stands 6ft tall, has a low blood pressure of 110/74, a peak heart rate of 140 on a treadmill, and a cholesterol reading of 152 compared with an average of 217 for men his age. His electrocardiogram shows no sign of heart disease. He says his memory remains sharp.

He takes two prescription drugs to control cholesterol, as well as treatments for heartburn and diverticulosis, a common bowel disorder, non-steroid anti-inflammatory drugs as needed, and an occasional sleeping pill.

There are conflicting accounts of whether he gave up smoking in the mid-1960s or early 1980s. He admits to stopping several times and finding the habit difficult to break, despite his recent claim, since withdrawn, that cigarettes are not addictive.

Mr Dole keeps his waistline trim by working out for 20 to 30 minutes three or four days a week on a treadmill and a rowing machine. He sticks to a low-fat, high-fibre diet and tries to go to bed by 10.30pm for seven to eight hours of sleep. He jokes that getting up before 6am "ought to be outlawed". He dyes his hair and his doctors wish he would spend less time working on his sun-tan.

"He has learnt discipline and has a drive to keep his body in tiptop shape," said Charles Peck, his doctor. His commitment to staying healthy came from the 39 months of agonising treatment and rehabilitation for his war wounds.

Mr Dole is described by gerontologists who study ageing as "young old", as distinct from "old old", meaning those over 85. Based on the national average, his life expectancy is 10.7 years; Mr Clinton's is 27 years.

Mr Dole told *The Washington Post* that voters need not worry about his health. He said: "If I had a big pot belly and could barely get off the plane and somebody had to help me up on the stage I'd say 'That guy doesn't belong here'. But that's not my problem." Mr Dole gently needled Mr Clinton, who is 50 next month, saying he would not make health an election issue, even though his cholesterol, weight and blood pressure are all lower than the President's.

Still, there is a generation gap. Mr Dole's favourite music is by the Glenn Miller band and his favourite actor John Wayne.

Dole: exercises on a treadmill to stay fit

Olympics reopen republican debate

FROM ROGER MAYNARD IN SYDNEY

PRINCE WILLIAM may be asked to open the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, if Australia's Deputy Prime Minister has his way.

The suggestion from Tim Fischer has reignited the republican debate, which has lost much of its momentum since the election of a conservative Government in March.

The Olympic Games are always opened by the head of state of the host country, which in Australia's case is the Queen, although the Governor-General holds the same position in the Queen's absence.

Many Australian opposition politicians and republican supporters have made it clear that they do not want to see any royal involvement in the Sydney Olympics. But Mr Fischer said on Australian television yesterday that he would like to see the Queen open the Games, but the second in line to the throne might be an appropriate choice.

"It's all about the future, it's the cusp of a new millennium, perhaps Prince William should try his hand," he said.

Malcolm Turnbull, the chairman of the Australian Republican Movement, said he was astonished by the idea and a Labor Party spokesman said Prince William would be as appropriate as having his mother's lady-in-waiting open the Games.

British canoeist Shaun Pearce proposes to his physiotherapist Julie Stark among their team mates in Atlanta

Medal contender wins heart in Atlanta

FROM JOHN GOODBODY IN ATLANTA

IT WAS the most public and most romantic of engagements. Before a worldwide television audience and in the emotional fervour of the opening ceremony of the Olympic Games, Shaun Pearce, Britain's canoeing medal hope, proposed to Julie Stark, the team's physiotherapist.

Ever since he was selected for the Games two months ago, Mr Pearce had been planning to go down on both knees in the Olympic stadium. For a moment, Miss Stark thought he was ill. She said yesterday: "My first thought was that he had collapsed. The weather had been so hot and we had had to run from the other stadium, where the teams had been marshalled."

However, to the delight of the rest of the 300-strong British contingent, who had marched on Friday night into the packed 81,000 seater stadium, Mr Pearce produced a ring which he had given to one of the coaches for safekeeping.

He said: "I was about to propose to her when all the other British team physiotherapists dragged her off for a photograph. Then the rest of our team wanted to have a picture together, so I reckoned that was the moment to get down on my knees." Miss Stark said: "Then Shaun asked me to marry him and I think I said, 'Of course I will.' But I'm not sure because it was all such a shock."

The pair met in December 1994 and over the following nine months Mr Pearce received treatment from his future fiancée. Miss Stark said: "I gave him a lot of physiotherapy and when we started to go out my boss said: 'I am not surprised, nobody can have that many injuries.'"

Mr Pearce, who is separated from his wife, said the date for the wedding would not be set until the divorce was final.

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300 Tutsis die in Burundi massacre

FROM SCOTT STRAUS IN BUJUMBURA, BURUNDI AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

A MASSACRE in central Burundi at the weekend has left at least 300 dead. Journalists who visited the scene at Bungendana reported seeing the bodies after renewed ethnic fighting on Saturday.

"I counted 304 bodies, all of them Tutsis. It was a horrific sight. I also counted 100 injured people who were receiving treatment," one reporter said.

The killings in the Gitega region were blamed by the army on Hutu rebels of the exiled National Council for the Defence of Democracy.

Last night Marc Faguy, the UN special envoy to Burundi, pleaded for urgent steps to end the ethnic carnage which has killed more than 150,000 people in the central African country in the past three years. "The United Nations, the international community and Burundians can neither keep quiet nor remain neutral in the face of these acts of barbarism," he said.

As the violence in Burundi continues to mount, the future of an African regional peacekeeping force aimed at ending the civil war in the Central African country looks increasingly doubtful. Burundi's Tutsi community is opposing the Western-backed plan and putting pressure on Antoine Nduwayo, the Tutsi Prime Minister, to disavow his support for the idea.

Crash jet's fuselage wreckage found as bomb theory grows

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

A LARGE section of fuselage from the wreckage of TWA Flight 800 has been found in the waters off Long Island and searchers were confident yesterday that they could bring it to the surface within 36 to 48 hours.

They were hoping that the discovery would yield more bodies and further clues to what caused the destruction of the Boeing 747 shortly after take-off from Kennedy airport in New York last Wednesday, with the loss of all 230 passengers and crew. In particular, they will be looking for signs of metal having been twisted outward, which would indicate that a bomb was smuggled on board the jet either in New York or Athens, its earlier stop.

The fuselage was located by sonar as the weather turned calmer after heavy seas and strong winds had hampered the search and prevented divers from entering the waters on Saturday. Teams were continuing the hunt for the aircraft's cockpit data and voice recorders on the Atlantic floor. Acoustic equipment had been unable to pick up the pinging sound that they transmit after a crash.

Al Gore, the US Vice-President, who announced the fuselage discovery, also revealed that there was a "distinct possibility" of the hunt being turned into a criminal investigation.

This was the furthest any senior administration official has gone publicly to acknowledge a terrorist link since President Clinton warned against jumping to conclusions in the immediate aftermath of the crash.

"We haven't crossed the line yet and it's still premature to call it criminal," said Mr Gore, citing the lack of any hard evidence pointing to the cause of the tragedy. But the FBI and CIA have been working on the assumption of terrorism, and the FBI invited anyone with relevant information anywhere in the world to call its free number, 001 888 245 4636, or to send an e-mail message to: newyork@fbi.gov.

Senators, who were given a secret briefing on the crash in Washington, said it was "almost 100 per cent unlikely" that the cause could be mechanical failure, leaving open the options of a bomb or, conceivably, a small surface-to-air missile.

There is a sense in Washington that the TWA crash could suddenly require Mr Clinton to take swift retaliatory action if a firm link is established to any of the countries that sponsor terrorism, such as Iran, Iraq and Libya.

Reporters expose gaps at JFK

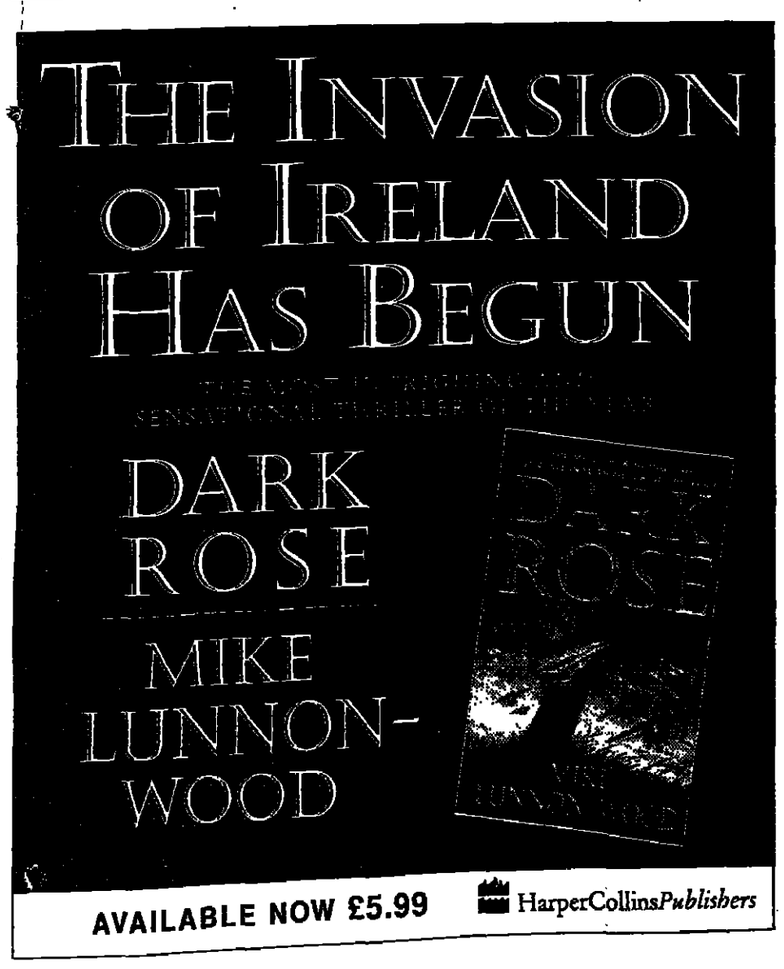
FROM SUSAN BELL IN PARIS

TWO French journalists without airline tickets exposed gaps in security at New York's John F Kennedy airport on Saturday when they managed to slip past guards to get into the same TWA departure lounge from which Flight 800 took off three days earlier.

"We were not checked. If we had been carrying a bomb we could have given it to an accomplice boarding the plane," Christophe Hondelatte, reporter for France Info, a publicly-run station, said.

M Hondelatte said that he and a colleague, Gilles Perez, from Radio France International managed to elude security checks by walking against the flow of passengers leaving the terminal. Whenever they were blocked by a closed door, they waited for passengers to emerge and slipped through.

The reporters, who were in the airport to meet relatives of French victims who had travelled to New York from Paris, eventually made it to gate 25 where passengers were boarding a flight to Puerto Rico. They said they had taken photographs to prove their story.



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE, CHANCERY DIVISION, COMPANIES COURT, No. 003843 of 1996

Mr Registrar Rawson

IN THE MATTER OF LUCAS INDUSTRIES PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

and

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by an Order dated the 12th day of July 1996 made in the above matters the Court has directed a Meeting to be convened of the holders of the Ordinary Shares (hereinafter called "**Ordinary Shares**") in Lucas Industries plc (hereinafter called the "**Company**") for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, approving (with or without modification) a Scheme of Arrangement proposed to be made between the Company and the holders of the Scheme Shares (as defined in the said Scheme of Arrangement) and that such meeting will be held at the New Connaught Rooms, Great Queen Street, London WC2B 5DA on Tuesday, 13th August, 1996 at 11.00 a.m., at which place and time all holders of Ordinary Shares are requested to attend.

A copy of the said Scheme of Arrangement and a copy of the Statement required to be furnished pursuant to Section 426 of the above-mentioned Act are incorporated in the document of which this Notice forms part.

The holders of Ordinary Shares may vote in person at the said Meeting or they may appoint another person, whether a member of the Company or not, as their Proxy to attend and vote in their stead.

In the case of joint holders, the vote of the senior who tenders a vote whether in person or by proxy will be accepted to the exclusion of the votes of the other joint holders and for this purpose seniority will be determined by the order in which the names stand in the Register of Members of the Company in respect of the joint holding.

It is requested that forms appointing Proxies be lodged with Lloyds Bank Registrars, 54 Pershore Road South, Kings Norton, Birmingham B30 3EP not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the said Meeting, but if forms are not so lodged they may be handed to the Chairman of the said Meeting.

By the said Order the Court has appointed Sir Brian Pearse or failing him, George Simpson or failing him John Grant to act as Chairman of the said Meeting and has directed the Chairman to report the results thereof to the Court.

The said Scheme of Arrangement will be subject to the subsequent approval of the Court.

Dated 19th July, 1996

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Notice of the above-mentioned Meeting was posted to shareholders of Lucas Industries plc on 19th July, 1996.
Copies of the said Scheme of Arrangement, form of proxy and Explanatory Statement required to be furnished pursuant to Section 426 of the Companies Act 1985 can be obtained from the registered office of the Company.

LUCAS INDUSTRIES PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Lucas Industries plc will be held at the New Connaught Rooms, Great Queen Street, London WC2B 5DA on Tuesday, 13th August, 1996 at 11.05 a.m. (or as soon thereafter as the Meeting of the holders of the Company's Ordinary Shares convened by direction of the High Court of Justice for the same date and place shall have concluded or been adjourned) for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Resolution which will be proposed as a Special Resolution:

THAT:

SPECIAL RESOLUTION

(A) the Transaction Agreement dated as of 31st May, 1996 between LucasVarity plc, the Company, Varity Corporation and Varity Combination Corporation relating to the proposed merger of the Company and Varity Corporation (with such modifications or amendments as the Directors of the Company shall determine) be and is hereby approved;

(B) the Scheme of Arrangement dated 19th July, 1996 (the "Scheme") proposed to be made between the Company and the holders of the Scheme Shares (as defined in the Scheme), a print of which has been produced to this Meeting and signed for the purpose of identification by the Chairman of the Meeting, be approved;

(C) for the purpose of giving effect to the Scheme:

(1) the capital of the Company be reduced by the cancellation of the Scheme Shares and forthwith and contingently upon such reduction of capital taking effect, the capital of the Company be increased to its former amount by the creation of such number of new ordinary shares of 25p each as shall be equal to the number of Scheme Shares cancelled as aforesaid;

(2) the reserve arising upon the said reduction of capital be applied in paying up in full at par the ordinary shares of 25p each created pursuant to sub-paragraph (C)(1) of this resolution, which shall be allotted and issued, credited as fully paid up to LucasVarity plc and/or its nominees;

(D) the Directors be hereby authorised for the purposes of Section 80 of the Companies Act 1985 to effect the allotment of the shares created pursuant to this Resolution provided that (i) the maximum nominal amount of shares which may be allotted hereunder is £237,500,000; (ii) this authority shall expire on 31st December, 1996; and (iii) this authority shall be without prejudice to any authority under the said Section 80 previously granted and in force on the date on which this Resolution is passed; and

(E) the Articles of Association of the Company shall be amended by:

(1) the adoption and inclusion of the following new Article as Article 61B:

"61B

(A) In this Article, references to the "Scheme" are to the scheme of arrangement of the Company dated 19th July, 1996 under section 425 of the Companies Act 1985, between the Company and the holders of the Scheme Shares and expressions defined in the Scheme shall have the same meaning in this Article.

(B) If any Ordinary Shares in the Company are allotted and issued to any person (a "**new member**") other than LucasVarity plc ("**LucasVarity**") or any nominee of LucasVarity on or after the date of the meeting convened pursuant to an Order of the High Court of Justice in England and Wales they will, if allotment and issue is prior to the close of business on the date two business days before the hearing of the petition to sanction the Scheme, be allotted and issued subject to the terms of the Scheme and shall be Scheme Shares for the purposes thereof and the new member, and any subsequent holder other than LucasVarity or any nominee of LucasVarity, shall be bound by the terms of the Scheme and, if allotment and issue is after that time, be immediately transferred to LucasVarity in consideration of and conditional on the issue to the new member of one ordinary share in LucasVarity for each Ordinary Share in the Company so transferred. The LucasVarity ordinary shares issued to the new member will be credited as fully paid and will rank equally in all respects with all LucasVarity ordinary shares in issue at the time (other than as regards any dividend or other distribution payable by reference to a record date preceding the date of allotment and issue or the close of business on the date two business days before the hearing of the petition to sanction the Scheme, whichever is later) and be subject to the Articles of Association of LucasVarity.

(C) The number of shares to be issued to the new member under Article 61B(B) may be adjusted by the directors in such manner as the auditors may determine on any reorganisation of the share capital of the Company or of LucasVarity effected after the close of business on the Effective Date, provided always that any fractions of an ordinary share in LucasVarity shall be disregarded and shall be aggregated and sold for the benefit of LucasVarity.

(D) To give effect to any such transfer required by Article 61B(B), the Company may appoint any person to execute a form of transfer on behalf of the new member in favour of LucasVarity and to agree for and on behalf of the new member to become a member of LucasVarity"; and

(2) the deletion of Article 89 and the renumbering of Articles 90 to 169 (inclusive) as Articles 89 to 168 (inclusive) and all cross references to those Articles shall be amended accordingly.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
G. M. Norris, *Secretary*

Registered office:
Stratford Road
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England

19th July, 1996

Note:

Any member entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting is entitled to appoint another person (whether a member or not) as a Proxy to attend and vote on a poll. To be effective, the Form of Proxy must be deposited with Lloyds Bank Registrars, 54 Pershore Road South, Kings Norton, Birmingham B30 3EP, not later than 11.05 a.m. on 11th August, 1996.

Notice of the above-mentioned Meeting was posted to shareholders of Lucas Industries plc on 19th July, 1996.

MICHAEL SHAW BOND

Left, the Dalai Lama, who has raised environmental concerns during his visit to Britain; above, the threatened Yamdrok lake in central Tibet

Fears for Tibet's sacred lake

Anjana Ahuja investigates the hidden threat to the ecology of Tibet's unique landscape

The rumour started on the Internet. Word was that something had gone seriously wrong with one of China's most controversial projects — the construction of a hydroelectric dam on the shore of the scorpion-shaped Yamdrok Tso, Tibet's most sacred lake.

According to a press release put out last month by the Washington-based International Campaign for Tibet, the head of the dam project was dismissed after an engineering mishap. Explanations of this mishap varied. One was that not enough power had been put in place to run the turbines. Another report speculated that one of the two shafts linking the lake to the turbines had collapsed, and that the project had been abandoned.

The unconfirmed rumours are a sign of growing concern that, environmentally speaking, Tibet is in peril. The Yamdrok Tso dam, the workings of which clutter an otherwise pristine setting, has been the focus of frustration, but campaigners claim that Tibet's forests and pastureland are also being killed off by overdevelopment.

Construction on the dam, sited 120 miles south of Lhasa, the capital, was begun in 1985 and interrupted for six years because of opposition from senior Tibetans. Critics said the energetic operation of the power plant would destroy the local fish population and possibly empty the turquoise lake within 50 years. They also expressed doubt as to whether China would refill the lake as it drained, since replenishment would entail pumping water nearly 3,000ft back up through the mountains.

There are claims that the depth of the lake, which is 40 metres in places, has already dropped by 30cm. Such claims are hard to check because the Chinese are very reluctant to allow experts and journalists access to Tibet, according to Robbie Barnett, an expert in Tibetan affairs. "There is a seasonal drop in water level anyway," says Mr Barnett, who heads the Tibet Information Network, a respected news organisation based in London. "But we *are* hearing information that suggests the Yamdrok Tso project is in trouble."

Tibet Autonomous Region, known as "the roof of the world", lies on a vast plateau which rises 4km in the shadow of the Himalayas. Its unique position makes it the engine for dramatic climate change, such as the annual monsoon season. Many of Asia's major rivers, including the Yellow and the Yangtse, have their sources here.

The Tibetan environment is exceptional because it has remained isolated for decades, a testament to the traditional rotation farming methods of the nomads. With an ever-increasing Chinese population, however, the relatively deserted Tibetan wilds made ideal targets for building settlements. Their remoteness also meant that riches, such as timber and minerals, lay unexploited.

Starting with the invasion and occupation of 1950, China began to transform the Tibetan landscape. Roads were built, minerals were mined and trees were felled. This has continued apace for decades.

Such changes, campaigners argue, must be halted before the delicate ecological balance of the region is wrecked. But the ecologists face one big drawback — their quest is deeply entangled in Tibet's political and religious problems.

The Yamdrok Tso project was a prime example of this ideological clash. Officials said the hydroelectric power plant was designed to supply much-needed electricity to a swelling population.

The Free Tibet Campaign in London, which lobbied vigorously for the project to be dropped, complained that the settlers have disrupted life for the nomads who have traditionally inhabited the lake's shores. Critics say it is part of a conspiracy to destroy Tibetan culture, an unsavoury objective symbolised by the suppression of Buddhism.

The inextricable linking of political and environmental concerns was evident during several events held last week to mark the Dalai Lama's visit to Britain, during which he raised environmental concerns.

However, this political edge to the debate means that reliable facts about environmental matters are scarce. Deforestation is a particularly thorny issue — the Tibetan Information Network estimates that a quarter of accessible forests in China and Tibet has already been felled. The problem, say campaigners, is that Tibet's forestry bureau is not keeping a close eye on logging operations. The bureau repels criticism by releasing an annual communiqué giving details of prosecutions for environmental damage.

Its statement says that the rate of replanting has accelerated in recent years, but makes no mention of whether this matches the speed at which mature trees, some more than a century old, are being felled. It also omits to say whether replanting is successful.

Grazing land also appears to be disappearing at an alarming rate. "The Chinese say that the nomads' cattle are overeating the pasture land," Mr Barnett says. "However, the Chinese destroyed many middle-sized mammals, which has led to an explosion in the number of rodents." The marmot, a tiny mammal with a voracious appetite for grass roots, is suspected to be the main culprit.

The threat to the jewel in Asia's crown is beginning to attract worldwide attention, aided, it must be said, by several photogenic celebrities allying themselves to the Tibetan cause. As the Dalai Lama left Britain yesterday, he will have been among thousands hoping that when he next visits, there will be something to celebrate.

Heart researchers are hoping the unique transparent embryo of the zebrafish will yield vital clues to human development

Silent Heart's fishy secrets

SCIENCE BRIEFING

Anjana Ahuja

SILENT Heart, a zebrafish embryo encased in an egg, is one of the more beautiful mysteries of the animal kingdom. Why is it so appealing? Because both embryo and egg are completely transparent, allowing biologists to gaze in wonder as this crystalline gem unfolds into a living, breathing fish.

Except that Silent Heart, perfect in every other way, will never make it. Because of an unexplained mutation in the embryo, its heart does not beat. The mutant was given its name by Dr Didier Stainier, a developmental biologist at the University of California in San Francisco. He is among several researchers in America pioneering the use of zebrafish as tools for studying heart development, with a view to deepening our understanding of the human heart and its diseases.

These Zin striped fish, native to India, spawn crystal-clear embryos which allow every tiny change to be mapped, so that anything awry can be detected as soon as it happens. Fertilisation takes place outside the mother's body, so the embryo is visible from the moment of conception. The baby fish develops very quickly. Less than a day after fertilisation, ears and eyes are discernible, the tail wiggles and the heart beats. Two days later all the major organs are fully formed and in place. Sexual maturity is reached two to three months later.

The mutations can be natural, or generated by irradiation. As well as Silent Heart, a natural mutation, Dr Stainier has been able to produce a Cloche mutation, so-called because the abnormal heart is shaped like a bell. Other natural defects include Miles Apart, and Bonnie and Clyde. Both lead to the formation of two hearts, one on each side of the body. "Something goes wrong at a very early stage in putting the left and right sides of the embryo together," Dr Stainier says. The two defects, which were christened by Dr Stainier's co-workers, correspond to the two rogue genes responsible.

Other establishments, notably the University of Oregon, have interfered with the fish to produce truly bizarre creatures. Cyclops mutants, so named because their eyes are fused together, are a speciality, as are Spadetails, humpbacked specimens whose muscles have migrated the wrong way.

The contribution of zebrafish to research is invaluable, since the underlying cellular processes which govern development of the body are shrouded in mystery. They are also cheap, easy to look after, plentiful, grow quickly and are simple to manipulate in the laboratory. Dr Stainier is part of an international effort to exploit this newfound, living tool. Together with scientists at the Cardiovascular Research Centre at Massachusetts General Hospital, where Dr Stainier formerly worked, he has compiled a glossary of 58 mutations which occur in the first 24 hours after fertilisation. This research, and that of another team at the Max-Planck Institute in Tuebingen, Germany, will appear in a special issue of the journal *Development* later this year.

Dr Stainier says that the first day of a zebrafish embryo's life corresponds to the first 21 days of life for a human embryo. But how can scientists possibly compare zebrafish to humans? "We are fairly certain that the same genes are involved in mutations both in the fish and in humans," he says. "For example, we have made the transition from flies to humans. It is much easier to make the jump from zebrafish to humans."

The next step is to uncover all possible heart mutations and identify the genes responsible. "We should be able to do this, and compare them to human genes, within ten years," he says.

Spinning an Earth riddle

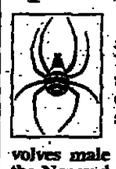
EARTH scientists are in a spin. The inner core of our planet, they have discovered, rotates faster than the rest of it. In fact, the core "laps" the rest of the Earth every 330 years. This century has seen the inner core perform a quarter-turn relative to everything else.

The inner core is a lump of solid iron. It is anisotropic (not perfectly uniform) — this means that shock waves generated by earthquakes and travelling at different angles take different lengths of time to emerge on the other side of the globe.

Xiaodong Song and Paul Richards, from the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory at Columbia University, New York, looked at these time differences for shock waves going back 30 years. They found they could map the way this irregular core moved around, and concluded it was spinning at 1.1 degrees a year relative to everything else. This means the outside of this inner core is moving at a few tens of kilometres every year — at least 100,000 times faster than the speediest continental drift. Experts say this is no mere curiosity. The inner core spins inside a molten outer core. Small eddies in this outer core set up electrical currents, which in turn set up a magnetic field. This "magnetic dynamo" generates the Earth's magnetic field.

The finding, published in *Nature*, could thus solve a riddle which has taxed ramblers and scientists alike — why the magnetic poles drift around. It may also explain why the terrestrial magnetic field seems to flip every 100,000 years.

Deadly spider games



FIRST cannibalism, and now infanticide. Yes, it's another sorry tale of domestic disharmony in the spider world.

This time it involves male eresid spiders from the Negev desert in Israel. Those males which are slow off the mark during the mating season are unlikely to find a female that has not mated. So they resort to kidnapping her offspring and killing them.

Why? Fighting a female — and winning — forces the female to replace her brood. She will mate with the aggressor to produce a new brood, so his strategy pays off. Another reason is that, on average, a male eresid spider encounters only one female during the mating season. So passing up the opportunity means he is unlikely to mate at all.

Writing in *Nature* recently, Jutta Schneider and Yael Lubin, from the Ben Gurion University of the Negev, revealed that infanticide worked its charm a third of the time. The females, which are bigger, chased the chaps off in half the cases.

However, brutality does not always bring rewards. The later a male mates, the less likely he is to become a father. This is because the sperm of his predecessors is likely to have fertilised her eggs. Late offspring are also less likely to survive, because food — small insects — is scarcer.

The other habits of the eresid spider are hair-raising. Matricide is a normal part of family life — offspring kill and eat their mother within three weeks of hatching.

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Courage of the angels of Albion

HIDDEN HISTORY

In the first of an occasional series, *The Times* focuses on new aspects of well-known historical events. The diaries of British women caught up in the 1857 Indian mutiny tell harrowing stories of the brutal scenes they witnessed

AMELIA

Amelia Horne was the 18-year-old stepdaughter of an agent of the North Western Mail Company in Cawnpore. After news of the mutiny reached the town, the British population were gathered into a four-acre entrenched camp which had been hastily prepared for emergencies:

THE agonies we endured during the siege are indescribable. The men were out in the trenches, under the burning rays of a June sun where the temperature in the shade is as high as 110 to 115 degrees. It was not the heat alone that caused us such intense suffering, but also the lack of food, water, and rest.

Our stress for water can be imagined, when on one occasion we were obliged to drink some mixed with human blood, which had fallen into our vessel from the wounds of an ayah [or Indian nurse] who, while standing near by, had both her legs carried away by the bursting of a shell . . .

Half our number had lost their reason; my dear mother (who was then seven months *enceinte*) being one of the afflicted. I used to sit and listen to her ravings, muttered in broken sentences. Her dreadful affliction rendered me heartbroken, and her cries haunt me still. There was a clergyman among us who died raving mad through the combined effects of heat, exposure and fear, and used to walk about stark naked. His condition was pitiful to see.

As if there were not enough to cope with, a shell started a blaze on the thatched roof of a crowded hospital building.

The scene that ensued was awful. The women and children were panic-stricken; confronted on one side by the burning building, and on the other by the shot and shell from the enemy's guns, which fell like hail on every side, they knew not where to run for protection. Several were burnt alive. My sister, a fine girl of five, had her leg fractured by a falling block of masonry. A woman had half of one foot torn off, and as all the hospital stores were destroyed both these poor sufferers had to stay as they were. Mother and I were both wounded in the head . . . Every drop of medicine in the building was destroyed, and the consequences felt almost immediately, and bitterly, too, for, putting recovery out of the question, no relief whatever could now be afforded to soothe their dying *moments, not even a drop of* water . . . Great God, was it possible that human beings could endure so much!

We held out for about three weeks, *and were at the last* gasp when, on the 25th of June, a message was brought to us from the Nana by Mrs Henry Jacobi who was well known to most of us. The message was written on a slip of paper in the handwriting of Azimoola Khan, the Nana's secretary, and was addressed "To the subjects of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria". It was to the effect that all those who were in no way connected with the acts of Lord Dalhousie and were willing to lay down their arms would receive a safe passage to Allahabad. Every soldier in the garrison revolted at the idea of surrendering, knowing well the treacherous character of the Nana. Moreover, the thought of white men surrendering to the blacks [was] most abhorrent to British prestige. The situation was critical in the extreme. Our ammunition was fast coming to an end, and our food supply had run out. With starvation staring us in the face, and black despair at our hearts, who could blame the wisdom of the decision that was at last reluctantly arrived at, in favour of capitulation? The day following — viz. the 26th of June — was a great day for us. The flag of truce was hoisted, and the roaring of cannon having ceased, a weight seemed to have been taken off our hearts. The joy was general, and everybody seemed to have at once forgotten their past sufferings. Poor deluded fools that we were . . .

At dawn on the morning of the 27th of June we fell into order though no bugle was sounded. Behold us as we then appeared, like so many ghosts, tattered, emaciated, and begrimed! Many a woman and *child whom I had seen enter* with beautiful and smiling countenances now looked old, haggard, desperate and imbecile. The old — battered and bruised, like ships that come into port after being buffeted by storms — babbled like children. Many a little child was raving mad, and it was pitiful to see their singular behaviour.

They were taken on elephants to the river, and put on boats.

After all had embarked — which took about two hours to accomplish — the word was given to proceed. Instead of the crew obeying these orders, a signal was given from the shore and they all leaped into the water and waded to the bank, after having first secreted burning charcoal in the thatch of most of the boats. Immediately a volley of bullets assailed us, followed by a hail of shot and grape which struck the boats.

In a few minutes pandemonium reigned. Several of the boats were seen to be wrapped in flames, and the sick and wounded were burnt to death. The cavalry waded into the river with drawn swords and cut down those who were still alive, while the infantry boarded the boats . . .

The air resounded with the shrieks of the women and children and agonised prayers to God. The water was red with blood, and the smoke lay around us. Several men were mutilated in the presence of their wives, while babies and children were torn from their mothers' arms and hacked to pieces, the mothers being compelled to look on at the carnage! Many children were deliberately set fire to, while the sepoys laughed and cheered, inciting each other to greater acts of brutality!

My poor little sister, the one who had had her leg fractured in the entrenchment, moaned piteously, crying out the while "Oh, Amy don't leave me!" A few yards away I saw the boat containing my poor mother slowly burning, and I cowered on the deck overwhelmed with grief, praying fervently to God for mercy, and every second expecting to be in the presence of my Maker!

Shortly after I was brutally seized round the waist, and though I struggled and fought wildly was quickly overcome and tossed into the river.

The cries of my poor little sister, imploring me wildly not to leave her, still ring in my ears; and her last look of anguish has haunted me ever since. That was the last I ever saw or heard of my family.

● Angels of Albion: Women of the Indian Mutiny *by Jane Robinson is published in September by Viking (£20)*.

Scene from the massacre at Cawnpore

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The flight from Lucknow: women and children were caught up in the horror of the 1857 mutiny

'The poor baby they took up on a spear'

MADELINE

Seventeen-year-old Madeline Jackson was the niece of the acting Chief Commissioner of Lucknow:

ONE morning — the 2nd June — we had just had prayers and were at breakfast when Mr Christian came in to tell us the native soldiers were marching on Sitapoor; that all ladies were to go to his house. All our troops mutinied that day and against such heaps of natives what could our English officers do!

Mrs Christian's house was full of ladies and children. Then all the gentlemen rushed in, saying the troops had turned against us. The confusion was dreadful: people could not find their husbands — Mrs Christian was looking for hers, crying, my dear sister trying to comfort her . . . The natives were hacking down the barricades in front, and we all got out at the other side of the house in hope of hiding in the jungle . . .

Well, only half of a French window door could be got open and everybody was forcing their way out, regardless of anyone else. Mountstuart's [her brother] hand I had got tight hold of — and kept, though my arm was nearly broken. We ran across an open plain, towards the jungles, thinking my sister was with us. Looking back we saw her with Mrs Christian's English nurse, trying to quiet the baby and cover it from the sun. [It was] the last time I saw her, my poor sister . . .

Then we saw men pursuing us, shooting. Running as fast as we could I ran into a thorny bush, and my white muslin dress was caught in tight. Poor M. threw himself on to the bush to tear it off me, and I could see all the colour leave his face as the thorns ran into him. We ran on and thought we had got away, when we saw our pursuers scuttling on the opposite side of a ravine. We got down into it to hide, and the last we saw of the poor Thornhills was him hiding his wife and child in a cleft. We heard afterwards that they killed him farther down.

We crossed through the river, calling them [the Thornhills] to follow us. I lost my shoes in it and fell on my face. M. pulled me up a steep bank. The men saw us, yelled and fired. Further on, we sat down. I pulled off the muslin skirt which had been such a trouble as we sat, with our gun and pistol ready, listening. I remember thinking how lovely the jungle was, and said to my brother I can't bear to be killed. M. said how could one bear to live, with such horror going on.

We sat there a long time, then some men came. They saw my skirt and were evidently pitying the poor murdered people. They told us Mr and Mrs Christian and the baby were killed: he was shot, she sat down by him crying and they went and cut off her head and the poor baby they took up on a spear and threw into the river — it was horrible — and we heard the jackals.

Flight on horseback

MRS MAWE

MRS MAWE was the wife of the regimental doctor at Nowgong. Here the British were convinced their soldiers would stay faithful, until news of mutinies two hundred miles to the east proved them wrong:

I WAS dressing when my ayah who was standing by the window, exclaimed: "Oh, *what is the matter? The sergeant* major is running away!" I instantly looked out and saw Lucas, with his sword raised over his head, coming towards the Bungalow; he saw me at the window and called out — "Mrs Mawe, fly! The men have mutinied!"

. . . On the morning of the 20th [ten days after they had left Nowgong] Capt Scott took Lottie on his horse. I was riding behind my husband, and she was so crushed between us — she was two years old on the 1st of June. Neither Lottie [her daughter] nor I had any head covering, and Dr Mawe only a sepoy's cap that I found on the ground at Kubree. Soon after sunrise we were followed by villagers with latties and spears; one struck Capt Scott's horse in the leg, and he galloped away. My poor husband never saw his child again.

We rode on for miles, keeping away from villages. Our thirst was extreme, and my husband got dreadful cramps. At a distance we saw water in *a nullah [a ditch]*. We all dismounted, and had a drink; our only drinking vessel was the cap. I bathed my neck.

My poor husband felt he was dying before he reached the nullah, and told me his wishes about the children and myself. We sat down awaiting our death. I said I would go and bring some water in my dress and his cap. I tore part of the skirt off my dress to bring the water in, but it was of no use, for when I returned my beloved's eyes were fixed; he never spoke to me again. I felt frantic; I knew the being I had idolised nearly fifteen years was gone, and I was alone; so I bound his head and face in my dress, for there was no earth to bury him. This thought wrings my heart day and night.

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The changing face of country life

A personal view from three girls who have featured recently in *Country Life* magazine's weekly portrait

ANTOINETTE EUGSTER

PHILIPPA HUME

Philippa Hume, 30, a project consultant, is the only daughter of Mr and Mrs David Hume, of Shimpling Hall, Shimpling, Suffolk:

I have lived in Bath, Hampshire, Kent, Surrey and now Suffolk, but always in the country. This is a very secluded spot, there is nothing but us and a church at the end of the garden. I still come here about twice a month, but nothing much has changed, except for the shopping. You used to have to go miles to a supermarket, now we are only ten minutes from Tesco. Village life doesn't seem to have been much altered. It is great to come up here with a few friends to get away from the smoke and chill out.

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EMMA BADDELEY

Emma Baddeley, 23, a freelance picture editor, is the youngest daughter of Sir John Baddeley, Bt, of Springwood, Sullington, West Sussex, and of Sara, Lady Baddeley, of Storrington, West Sussex:

The countryside has certainly got a lot smaller. Housing estates, rubbish dumps and quarries are encroaching all the time, and the places I knew when I was little are disappearing, from the sand-pits to the places I went with my mother to walk the dog. There are new roads, and worst of all, great piles of concrete on the beach as sea-defences. The place stinks of sewage — the day the picture was taken I could hardly bear to breathe.

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SOPHIE HARRISON

Sophie Harrison, 28, a writer/sub-editor for Horse and Hound, *is the second daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Harrison of Itchen Stoke Mill, Alresford, Hampshire:*

Apart from an increase in the number of cyclists and swans, and the decline of water levels, the biggest change has been road building. Walk a mile in any direction and you will come to an extension of the M3 or A31. On a positive note, more care is being taken over the water-meadows which constitute the house's 80 acres. It is a protected site now, and volunteers come down to look after the land. We just give them a cup of tea and a spade, and they get on with it.

Black ties, ballgowns — and bring a tent

When in the late 1920s Evelyn Waugh wrote about his Bright Young Things, ruthlessly pursuing pleasure, the country house party was a constant of the social circuit, defined by a fixed code of etiquette, dress and manners.

This weekend, though, as a new generation of Bright Young Things sets off for the latest round of summer parties, many will have packed not only their ballgowns and bow-ties, but also their tents and trainers. For the English country house party has been invaded by "festival" culture. The transformation is quite startling.

While the embers of the traditional house party are fanned by society hostesses such as Lady Christie de la Rue, of Ayton Castle, and Aline Hay, of Duns Castle, a new generation of landowners is opening up its estates to an eclectic mix of aristocrats, urban sophisticates and show-business personalities.

The new-style parties, though different in externals, have a family resemblance. This is how they work. Stylised invitations are sent out, together with a map of how to find the house, usually two months before the day of the party. A typical host is usually the twentysomething son or daughter of country house-owning parents who may be holding the party without his or her parents' knowledge. Depending on the size of the grounds, the number of guests ranges from 100 to 500.

So far, so conventional you might think, and you would be right were it not for a strange phenomenon: the guests sleep not in one of the house's many rooms but outside in the extensive grounds, hence the tents.

When, for instance, the Earl of St Germans held a party last summer at his stately home in Cornwall, guests were invited to an "In-tents Affair". Andrew Harris, 28, who works for BZW and was at the party, says: "It was a fantastic idea. You could pitch your tent anywhere in the grounds. We used the tents to change into our evening wear: it was great fun watching the girls doing their make-up in the rear-view mirror of their cars. Then, at seven o'clock, everyone emerged to stroll down towards the house for champagne and canapés."

Invitations usually offer specific guidelines on dress. The scientist Michael Barrett, a regular at the parties, says: "Sometimes it is black-tie, but, more often than not, you are asked to dress exotically, or in fancy dress. But as the evening progresses, and the air cools, people opt for jumpers and T-shirts."

A banquet of hors-d'oeuvres, roast meats, spiced chicken, smoked fish, elaborate salads and rich puddings is usually served in a marquee at which guests are seated at round tables. There is a range of entertainment, from live music to traditional circus attractions, like fire-eating and juggling. Older guests are not excluded: a jazz band or a small orchestra may start the dancing for the evening, before the unrelenting electronic dance music begins at about midnight.

When fatigue finally sets in, guests can be found wandering the grounds, or relaxing around large bonfires swapping stories and savouring the exotic scents — and that's not just smoke from the bonfire.

A feature of the old country house parties was the illicit late-night activity as amorous men and girls flitted to and from each other's rooms. So one thing, at least, hasn't changed: the heady atmosphere encourages casual intimacy among people who may not know each other's names.

The following morning the scene resembles nothing so much as a battlefield, with the ravages of the night before — bottles, stilettos, discarded costumes, sleeping bodies — scattered across the lawn. As guests, many of whom may have made it back to the *wrong* tent, emerge gingerly into the sunlight, an air of respectable melancholy settles.

Meanwhile, a typical breakfast — which, in fact, is more of a brunch, since people seldom rise before noon — of barbecued sausage or bacon and rolls is served by wide-eyed caterers.

It is not always the servants who clear up. "Once they've had breakfast, and before they go back to London, I give each of my guests a black plastic sack and ask them to clear up the mess," says Ali Redman, a 24-year-old entrepreneur, who holds regular parties at his parents' country house in Hertfordshire.

Andrew Harris has been invited to bring his tent to another country house party next weekend. "What I like about these parties is that they reflect the trend in going to raves and festivals. Guests want to dress up, eat and drink well, socialise in glamorous and exclusive surroundings. But they also want to dance outside until dawn, sit around a huge fire and escape from stresses of city life."

Sara Logie, 25, a buyer for House of Fraser, has been to country house parties in the modern style at many big houses, including Kimberley in Norfolk and Longleat in Wiltshire. "The party at Kimberley was especially memorable. We all pitched our tents in the fabulous grounds that ran down to a lake.

"Each room in the basement of the house had its own themed decoration. There were two huge marquees; food was served in one, live music played in the other."

The Marquess of Bath says that while guests at his Longleat parties never sleep in tents, he encourages spontaneity. "I support change. The country house party has to evolve in order to survive," he says.

In *Debrett's Guide to Entertaining* (Headline, £7.99), Charles Mosley writes that the country house party is perhaps the single most arduous activity for any hostess: "You have to be permamently on your toes ... your guests will become scattered and you should patrol the property incessantly to make sure they are all enjoying themselves."

Lucy Drinkwater, who is hosting a party with her father next week at their country house in Cambridgeshire, agrees that big summer parties can be arduous, but says that having guests sleep outside in tents or in a barn reduces anxiety. "You don't have the worry of accidents and damage occurring inside the house. I think the guests also enjoy the novelty of sleeping outside."

Partygoer and writer Candida Whatmore, 26, says: "You have to have money to participate. It is usually only the rich or very posh who are invited to these parties."

So, if you are outside smart society, is there any chance of ever being invited? "It's very hard if you are outside the group," Candida says. "But if you hang round Tavistock Square off Portabello, or eavesdrop at the Duke of Wellington pub on Ladbroke Grove over the weekend, you might get to hear of one."

JASON COWLEY

THE NEW COUNTRY HOUSE PARTIES

A weekend under canvas: guests arrive with tents for a country house party

Bright Young Things and **Grace Bradberry** meets a woman who hosts her own shoots

The men have had to accept women guns — but don't expect one to carry your gear

TOP LADY GUN

Whatever one thinks of the morality of killing wildlife, Shirley Deterding's achievements are remarkable. Fox-hunting aside, the world of field sports remains male-dominated. Women can pay their way into syndicates, but generally will be excluded from private *shooting parties*. If they do accompany their husbands, their role is to stand behind, murmuring: "Good shot, darling."

But through birth, and a fortunate marriage, Shirley, now 62, is included in the charmed circle.

"My father wanted six sons and he got me, so I was brought up like a boy. My earliest recollections are of being thrown up on one of his racehorses or carrying his guns across the marshes. My mother was totally anti. She was a gentle person, interested in tending her house and garden. But I was five when Father took me out duck-shooting for the first time, and I remember coming back drenched in mud, having heard the dawn chorus." She was hooked.

At seven she was allowed to hold a gun, and given her first safety lessons. Soon she was shooting rabbits. Throughout her childhood she would accompany her father on shoots, carrying the dead birds and helping the beaters.

Then she met Jimmy at a wedding, and he, too, was a *shooting man*. "He threw shoots and I tended to be allowed to stand round the back or walk with the beaters. But he was very generous, and gradually allowed me to have days that I could invite people to. It's an expensive business and I couldn't have done it without his support.

"I've always accepted it as a normal part of my life. It's only when somebody brings up the subject that it occurs to me I've been extraordinarily *lucky*."

She lives in a beautiful Lutyens manor house, with her husband, Jimmy, a member of the Shell oil dynasty, and their six dogs. This privileged way of life has been threatened recently by the attentions of the "antis" as she refers to them. Feeling the need to explain her lifestyle, she has broken cover to appear in a documentary by the BBC.

Nevertheless, *she prefers* that the location of her home not be disclosed. This is probably wise. The "antis" would be enraged by her choice of decor, which is rather gruesome.

Animals, exquisitely stuffed and mounted, cover many of the walls and surfaces. "That's my elk," she says, gesturing to an antlered head rearing from the drawing-room wall. "That one there's my caribou." Her hunting trophies are rather bigger than the others, brought home by the menfolk.

Shirley Deterding, left, and Fiona Martin have changed the role of women

A day's shooting can cost anything from £200 to £2,000 per gun. The Deterdings have a full-time gamekeeper, and their parties are lavish affairs. There is a dinner party the night before, then the butler, Colin, takes breakfast orders. Champagne is served out in the fields. Even the numbers that decide who will stand where in the drive are drawn *from little silver cups.*

"In the early days I can remember it wasn't quite so grand," says Shirley. "Nowadays one tends to go slightly more on the social side."

To balance the books, they sell shooting days to paying guests. "Foreigners, Americans, we used to have Germans but we started to get *nouveau* types and they had *no idea of the English traditions* of country life. They were shooting low birds, and even into the beaters."

To Shirley, gun-safety is a matter of breeding. Her eldest grandson is 9, and *she is teaching him* how to swing round, keeping within his safety range. There are also unwritten rules of etiquette. It is bad form to go for bulk, shooting large numbers of easy birds. "Most of your friends know without being told not to shoot low birds." It is also important to shoot cleanly, killing the bird with one shot.

> I felt sad, but they have to be culled or they starve

Status is clearly demarcated out in the field. Once, one suspects, the interaction between beaters and guns would have seemed almost egalitarian. Now it smacks of feudal condescension.

"Guns that come to shoot here know a lot of my beaters by name," says Shirley. "They have their own little lunch-break, and they go around to different shoots. At the end of the season all those that want to, come here and shoot. We have everything exactly the same as though they were guns, and we give them tea in the kitchen afterwards. I go out beating."

It is a minor, and infrequent reversal. But the change she *has wrought in the role of* women has amounted to a revolution. "As equality has crept into everyday life, the men have had to learn to accept women guns. There's been resistance, and lots of jokes of the women-driver variety, but I now have a lot of girlfriends who are excellent shots — far better than the average man." She adds: "You must *never* expect men to carry your gear. If it's offered then that's nice, but you mustn't be a nuisance."

There is, however, one aspect of being a woman who shoots, which is a very real nuisance — going to the lavatory. "It's so much easier for men, they just turn away. I have to search for cover. I've learnt to pop behind a tree with ease. I remember one shoot when it was snowing too hard for us to go out. Jimmy Edwards, the comedian was there, and we stayed indoors talking, and drinking lots of coffee. Finally the blizzard stopped and we went out for a couple of drives. It was the fens and there's not a bush or tree for a million miles. The cold combined with the coffee meant that nature suddenly called rather desperately. The only place to go was behind the keeper's van. I pulled down about ten layers of clothing, and had just got to the point of no return when the van drove off. Everyone roared with laughter, all the beaters and pickers up. Jimmy Edwards' catchphrase was 'Who's got the biggest trombone?', and he called out: 'Oh look, *she's* got the biggest trombone.'"

The odd embarrassing incident aside, her happiest moments seem to come when she is surrounded by men, or alone with her prey. To shoot her elk, she went to Colorado and lived in a shack. "It was all men, and I was known as the duchess. I was elegantly turned out in my plus-fours, tie and tweed jacket. They were in check shirts, red hats and jeans. To them, I was the archetypal British person."

She would leave her shack at 4am, accompanied by a guide who would make a whooping noise to attract the elk. "We had to run along some perilous ridges, when suddenly the guide stopped and said: 'Shoot.' I shot, but it stepped out from behind the bushes, and I was told I'd missed it. I shot again and it fell. But when we went to look the two shots were half an inch apart in the heart. I hadn't missed at all. It took five men to lift it on to the gantry. I felt very sad really, but they have to be culled, or there are too many and they starve."

Shirley's obvious pity for some of the animals she kills will infuriate animal rights lobbyists. Shirley's attitudes are not what one might expect from a blood-sports enthusiast. She tends to anthropomorphise the animals she hunts, and they become goodies or badies in the manner of a Beatrix Potter book. Of foxes she says: "They bite the heads off chickens for the fun of it you know." January is her favourite month for shooting because: "You get crafty cocks sliding down the back of the woods."

But the older she gets, the more her feelings of pity increase. Her husband rarely shoots now. "He was a very good shot, as was his father, and his father before. But as you get older you're less keen to kill things. The social side becomes more fun. The pleasure is in being outside for a friendly day, not in going out and murdering a whole lot of birds. I don't even like squashing spiders anymore. I suppose one's more aware of one's own mortality and less inclined to destroy anything."

● Inside Story: The Lady Guns, *will be shown at 9.30pm on Wednesday July 31, on BBC1.*

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MUSICAL

Songs of the flesh: *Voyeurz*, the nude musical, opens at the Whitehall Theatre

FIRST NIGHT: Tonight
REVIEW: Wednesday

THEATRE

In Stratford the RSC premieres Richard Nelson's latest play, *The General from America*

FIRST NIGHT: Tomorrow
REVIEW: Thursday

DANCE

Stamping his mark: Michael Flatley's Celtic show, *Lord of the Dance*, comes to the Coliseum

OPENS: Tomorrow
REVIEW: Thursday

MUSIC

Authentic touch: John Eliot Gardiner conducts Beethoven's Choral Symphony at the Barbican

CONCERT: Tomorrow
REVIEW: Thursday

LONDON

BBC PROMS 96: Yan Pascal Tortelier mounts the rostrum to conduct the BBC Philharmonic in Robin Holloway's orchestration of Chabrier's *Bourrée fantasque* and Roussel's *Bacchus et Ariane*. After the interval, the extrovert trombonist Christian Lindberg plays Dominic Muldowney's Trombone Concerto, which pays homage to the comedian Tony Hancock, and Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition*. **Albert Hall**, Kensington Gore, SW7 (0171-589 8212). Tonight, 7.30pm

CONFUSIONS. Alan Ayckbourn's shrewdly observed and very funny collection of five short plays. Gareth Tudor Price directs Christopher Timothy, of *All Creatures Great and Small* fame, and Graham Seed (Nigel in *The Archers*). **Churchill**, High Street (0181-460 6677). Tonight-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm

STRING FAMILY. The Chilean guitarists **Luis Orlandini** and **Oscar Ohlsen** offer a colourful programme that combines folklore images, music arranged for two guitars and traditional music performed in a classical style. (Purcell Room, 7.30pm). Over in the Queen Elizabeth Hall (7.45pm), Jonathan Butcher conducts the **Lydian Orchestra** in Copland's *Appalachian Spring*, Beethoven's Triple Concerto and Sibelius's Sixth Symphony. Twins Helena Baillie, violin, and Marina Baillie, piano, join their father, the cellist Alexander Baillie, as soloists. **South Bank**, SE1 (0171-960 4242) Tonight

ELSEWHERE

BRIGHTON: Dennis Waterman, Gerald Harper and Moray Watson star with master comedian Eric Sykes in Francis Veber's hilarious comedy ***Fools Rush In***, prior to its West End run. Adapted and directed by Ray Cooney. **Theatre Royal**, New Road (01273 328488). Tonight-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm

MARLBOROUGH: ***Juan Martin*** introduces the spice of the Middle East to the traditional expression of flamenco. His *Flamenco Nuevo* is performed by his company of four dancers, accompanied by musicians playing the flute, clarinet, saxophone and percussion. **Memorial Hall**, Marlborough College, Bath Road (01672 512 658). Tonight, 8pm.

OXFORD: The renowned Greek theatre company Theatriki Leschi presents its critically acclaimed production of **Antigone**, performed in ancient Greek. Directed by Spyros Vrachoritis. **St John's College**, St Giles Street (01865 798 600). Tonight-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm.

REIGATE: An all-Vaughan Williams concert at St Mary's Church, forming part of the Reigate Summer Music festival. **Grant Llewellyn**, principal conductor of the Royal Flanders Philharmonic, directs the enthusiastic *RSM International Youth Orchestra* in *The Lark Ascending*, the Piano Concerto and the *London Symphony*. The soloist is the pianist Andrew West. **Festival box office** (01737 244 407). Tonight, 8pm.

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: Eva Arnold, In Retrospect (0171-638 4141) . **Brunei Gallery**: Ottoman Art (0171-637 2386) . **Courtauld**: The Four Elements (0171-873 2526) . **Goethe Institut**: Georg Baselitz: Engravings, Woodcuts and Linocuts 1965-1992 (0171-411 3400) **Leighton House**: The Leighton Open: The Kensington and Chelsea Artists' Exhibition (0171-602 3316) . . . **Lisson Gallery**: Victor Burgin, Dan Graham, Rodney Graham, John Hilliard (0171-724 2739) . **National Gallery**: Degas (0171-747 2885) . **National Portrait Gallery**: Family Albums (0171-306 0055) . . . **Tate**: Leon Kossoff (0171-887 8000) . **V & A**: William Morris (0171-938 8500)

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey

☐ **THE ASPERN PAPERS**: Michael Redgrave's slightly old-fashioned version of the Henry James tale of literary skulduggery. With Hannah Gordon, Daniel J. Travanti, Moira Lister. **Wyndhams**, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1736). Mon-Fri, 8pm. Sat, 8.15pm; mats Wed, 3pm, Sat 5pm.

■ **BIRDY**. William Wharton's best-selling novel where a schizophrenic longs for freedom, oddly filmed but now adapted for the stage by Naomi Wallace. Kevin Knight directs Tam Williams and Adam Garcia. **Lyric Studio**, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 (0181-741 2311) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4.30pm. Until August 17

☐ **AN IDEAL HUSBAND**. Peter Hall's acclaimed Haymarket production, with Diane Fletcher, David Rintoul, Nicky Henson, Kim Thomson, Googie Withers and John McCallum. **Old Vic**, Waterloo Rd, SE1 (0171-928 7616). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm

■ **THE LIGHTS**: New play by Howard Korder, author of the superbly tight *Search and Destroy*. Two women and a man journey through an urban purgatory. Ian Rickson directs a vice-versa production, with the audience on the stage watching the action in the auditorium. **Royal Court**, Sloane Square, SW1 (0171-730 1745). Opens tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 3.30pm. Until August 31

☐ **PASSION**. An unconvincing musical from Sondheim, but Maria Friedman good as a voracious man-hunter who gets her man. With Michael Ball

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
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Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5590). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm

☐ ***RICHARD III***. David Troughton plays the king as a psychopathic court jester in Steven Pimlott's arresting production, up from Stratford. **Barbican**, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight and tomorrow, 7.15pm. In rep

☐ **SALAD DAYS**. Julian Slade's tuneful musical, directed by Ned Sherrin. Nicola Fulljames and Simon Connolly play the young lovers in a company that also includes Kit and the Widow. **Vaudeville**, Strand, WC2 (0171-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat 4pm.

■ **STANLEY**: Interesting Pam Gems play, with Antony Sher a persuasive Stanley Spencer, inspired by Cookham, troubled by wives. **National** (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight and tomorrow, 7.30pm; mat Tue, 2.30pm

☐ **THIS LIME TREE BOWER**: Clumsy seduction and a shambolic crime feature in award-winning Conor McPherson's new play, set in an Irish seaside town. Funny and touching. **Bush**, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (0181-743 3388). Mon-Sat, 8pm.

☐ **TOMMY**: Hugely impressive staging of the traumatised child's apotheosis to pinball wizard. Loads of electronic tricks disguise the improbability. **Shaftesbury**, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (0171-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. ◪

☐ **TWELVE ANGRY MEN**: Kevin Whately, Timothy West, Peter Vaughan and nine excellent others in Reginald Rose's celebrated jury-room drama. **Comedy**, Panton Street SW1 (0171-369 1731). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed, 2.30pm and Sat, 4pm

■ **VOYEURZ**: Lesbian band Fem 2 Fem and a cast of 18 illustrate a young girl's search to find her sexual identity in New York. Billed as a follow-up to the once-famous nudie show, *Oh! Calcutta!* **Whitehall**, Whitehall, SW1 (0171-369 1735). Opens tonight, 9.15pm. Then Mon-Thurs, 8.45pm, Fri and Sat, 7pm and 9.15pm

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Blood Brothers**. Phoenix (0171-369 1733) . ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner**. Duchess (0171-494 5070) . ◪ **Fame: The Musical**. Cambridge (0171-494 5083) . ■ **Les Misérables**. Palace (0171-434 0909) ◪ **Miss Saigon**. Drury Lane (0171-494 5400) . ☐ **Oliver!**. Palladium (0171-494 5020) ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (0171-494 5400) ☐ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (0171-416 6054) ◪ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi (0171-344 0055)

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NEW RELEASES

LES APPRENTIS (15): Meandering adventures of French layabouts. Weak comedy by Pierre Salvadori, with François Cluzet and Guillaume Depardieu
ABC Swiss Centre (0171-439 4470) **MGM Trocadero** ◪ (0171-434 0031)

◆ **HAPPY GILMORE** (12): Blue-collar guy hits the golf links. So-so vehicle for a grating television comic. Adam Sandler. Director, Dennis Dugan.
MGM Trocadero ◪ (0171-434 0031) **Plaza** (0800-888 997) **Warner** ◪ (0171-437 4343)

HUSTLER WHITE (18). Adventures of male hustlers on Santa Monica Boulevard. Rough-hewn and unappealing. Directors, Bruce LaBruce and Rick Castro
ICA Cinema (0171-930 3647)

◆ **THE TRUTH ABOUT CATS AND DOGS** (15). Pleasant romantic comedy about mistaken identity, with Janeane Garofalo, Uma Thurman and Ben Chaplin. Director, Michael Lehmann.
ABC Tottenham Court Road (0171-636 6148) **Odeon Kensington** (01426-914 666) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen on Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **Screen on the Hill** (0171-435 3366) **Virgin: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Warner West End** (0171-437 4343)

CURRENT

THE CELLULOID CLOSET (15). Absorbing documentary about the treatment of gays in mainstream movies. Directors, Rob Epstein and Jeffrey Friedman
Ritzy (0171-737 2121) **Virgin Haymarket** (0171-839 1527)

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

◆ **THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME** (U). Victor Hugo meets the Disney animators. A perverse, and perversely successful, mix of the cuddly and downbeat. Directors, Gary Trousdale and Kirk Wise.
Barbican ◪ (0171-638 8891) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Odeons: Leicester Square** (01426-915 683) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914 096) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (0990 888990) **Virgin Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636)

◆ **MOONLIGHT AND VALENTINO** (15): Widow finds comfort with family, friends and a blond house painter. Decent romantic drama, with Elizabeth Perkins, Kathleen Turner, Jon Bon Jovi. Director, David Anspaugh.
Warner ◪ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **MUPPET TREASURE ISLAND** (U): Kermit and Miss Piggy invade Stevenson's classic. Jolly addition to the Muppet movie saga, with Tim Curry. Director, Brian Henson.
UCI Whiteleys (0990 888 990) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

◆ **NOW AND THEN** (PG): Pleasant young performers improve a tedious script about girls growing up in 1970. With Christina Ricci and Demi Moore. Director, Lesli Linka Glatter.
Prince Charles (0171-437 8181)

◆ **PRIMAL FEAR** (18): Cocky defence attorney Richard Gere gets sucked into a devious murder case. Superficial thriller, directed by Gregory Hoblit.
Plaza ◪ (0990 888 990)

◆ **SECRETS & LIES** (15). Mike Leigh's Cannes triumph: an uneven but absorbing tale about family life. With Brenda Blethyn and Timothy Spall.
ABCs: Panton Street (0171-930 0831) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (0171-836 6279) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914665) **Mezzanine** ◪ (01426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914096)

◆ **SMOKE** (15): Criss-crossing lives in Brooklyn. Agreeable, talky piece written by Paul Auster, with Harvey Keitel and William Hurt. Director, Wayne Wang.
MGM Swiss Centre (0171-439 4470)

◆ **A THIN LINE BETWEEN LOVE AND HATE** (18): Dull, clumsy comedy about a stud's comeuppance. Martin Lawrence directs and stars.
MGM Trocadero ◪ (0171-434 0031) **Plaza** ◪ (0990 888 990)

THE TIT AND THE MOON (18). The sexual development of a nine-year-old boy. Unexpected magic from Catalan director Bigas Luna.
ABC Tottenham Court Road (0171-636 6148) **MGM Piccadilly** (0171-437 3561)

◆ ***UP CLOSE & PERSONAL*** (15): Love and cliches in a television newsroom. Paper-thin romantic drama with Michelle Pfeiffer and Robert Redford. Director, Jon Avnet.
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Torrid nights, horrid jams

JOEL CHANT

David Bowie at the Phoenix Festival: his would-be passionate vocals were sometimes thwarted by the high-tech antics of his own backing band

POP

Phoenix Festival
Long Marston

Previously considered to be the runt of Britain's festival circuit, the Phoenix finally came of age this weekend on its fourth birthday, amid scorching summer sunshine. The good weather, and the fact that this year's Glastonbury Festival had been cancelled, prompted more than 30,000 people to descend on Stratford-upon-Avon.

There were such serious traffic jams on the opening night that many people were forced to sit in their cars for up to eight hours, while the music was reduced to a barely audible sound in the distance and the white and pink neon of the Phoenix site shone out with all the allure of Las Vegas in the Nevada desert.

Indeed, when the unmistakable bass-thud of the Prodigy drifted across the fields, some people actually abandoned their cars and ran the last couple of miles in an attempt to catch the end of their set. David Bowie, who followed the Prodigy onto the main stage, failed to incite the same kind of passion. This was mainly due to his band, who managed to give undisputed crowd pleasers like *Heroes* and *All The Young Dudes* such a horribly high-tech feel that it detracted from the vocals, although when he sang *Under Pressure* with bassist Gail Ann Dorsey he found at least some of its original heart.

But if you did not like the main bands at this four-day event, there were seven other stages to choose from, covering everything from indy, jazz, folk and dance to comedy. There was also a funfair, a cinema and celebrity five-a-side football featuring the likes of Damon Albarn, Bob Mortimer and 1970s soccer "legend" Stan Bowles.

While they sweated it out on the football pitch, the Foo Fighters played a hard-edged but insidiously melodic mixture of post-grunge pop. As well as delivering the hits from last year's self-titled debut album, they unleashed new songs like the slow-burning *Up in Arms* and the heavy-duty *Enough Space*, and probably attracted a whole legion of young fans to whom Dave Grohl's former band Nirvana are barely a distant memory.

They were followed by the Manic Street Preachers who played a typically passionate set, combining the best of the recent *Everything Must Go* album with all-time favourites like *Motorcycle Emptiness* and *You Love Us*. Alanis Morissette seemed positively hollow by comparison, although the thousands of people who sang along to *You Oughta Know*, and seemed to understand every syllable of her ridiculously free-form vocals, probably wouldn't agree.

Neil Young and Crazy Horse opened their set with *(Hey Hey, My My) Into The Black* — a tribute to rock 'n' roll and John Lydon, who was due to headline the final night of the festival with the Sex Pistols. Reunited with his old sparring partner, Crazy Horse, Young was in stunning form, climaxing a two-hour set with a devastating version of *Like A Hurricane*, where he sounded as if he was going so far beyond rock 'n' roll that he was trying to destroy noise itself.

The next day's main entertainment was more dance based, although there was always an alternative. The hundreds who couldn't get anywhere near Mark Lamarr in the comedy tent were straining to listen to his barbed humour as Massive Attack's laidback vibes floated across the arena. The night ended with Goldie's Metalheadz playing a dub-heavy version of *Inner City Life* in the Megadog dance tent, while Björk's set climaxed with such a dramatic fireworks display that it almost eclipsed her performance.

Thanks in part to the weather, the Phoenix has finally become a serious alternative to Glastonbury. The people of Stratford had better get used to it.

ANN SCANLON

Mississippi manna

BLUES

Keb' Mo'
Queen Elizabeth Hall

HE TOOK requests; he smiled impishly when an intricate passage went awry; he even accepted a glass of beer from a member of the audience. Sitting alone, his two guitars by his side, the bluesman formerly known as Kevin Moore reduced the sterile, wide-open spaces of the Queen Elizabeth Hall to the dimensions of a Saturday night folk club.

For all his lack of pretension, Keb' Mo' plays the Delta blues with absolute authority, his light baritone yielding the mellowest combination of voice and acoustic guitar since the ill-starred Ted Hawkins arrived on these shores a decade ago. Purists may not approve of Moore's Gap-style dress sense or his polished updating of the 12-bar tradition, but that is their problem.

Apart from brief interludes for retuning his acoustic and steel-bodied instruments, this concert never faltered from the moment he took his seat and strummed the opening bars of Robert Johnson's *Kindhearted Woman Blues*.

It is not that Moore, a former session player whose career took a long time to catch fire, is a particularly charismatic performer. On the contrary, there was a half-apologetic air to the way he shambled on stage, as if he was sorry for making us miss a glorious evening outdoors. His eyes hidden beneath the brim of his panama hat, he had a habit of losing his way in meandering ad libs between songs.

But as well as his assured playing and that compelling voice, he possesses a sure touch as a songwriter, blending the homespun with the poetic. There was not one weak link on his eponymous debut album for Okeh, a mixture of acoustic and electric settings, and he brings the same degree of consistency to its successor, *Just Like You*.

Stripped of the backing singers who perform on the disc, *Hand It Over* still had all the authentic fervour of a store-front church; *You Can Love Yourself* indulged in playful therapeutic self-help. Throughout, Moore's impeccable enunciation ensured that not a syllable was lost.

CLIVE DAVIS

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Nothing beats an auto-da-fé

Don Carlos
Albert Hall/Radio 3

Covent Garden came to South Kensington on Saturday with a *Don Carlos* that made both a memorable second night of the Proms and last night of the Royal Opera's Verdi Festival. The excellent singing did not quite match the vocal magnificence of Covent Garden's recent staging, but that would have been hard. In any case, this was a concert performance in its own right, not a "concert of the staging" — a chance for London to hear a second version within a month of Verdi's grandest opera.

Don Carlos is a musical jigsaw to which no definitive solution exists. At the Albert Hall, we got the five-act 1886 Modena edition used in the celebrated Visconti production Covent Garden has now scuttled. As it was "authorised by the composer", this hybrid version in Italian must represent Verdi's final thoughts, even though the composer himself saw it as a translation of his French opera. But since it restores much of the first act, it is a pity that the Proms did not offer a more radical contrast with Covent Garden's new production of the (more or less) 1867 French original by playing Verdi's Italian, four-act 1884 revision.

Most of these issues became unimportant in such a thrilling performance as Bernard Haitink and his Royal Opera orchestra and chorus gave here. He paced the opera with steady propulsion. Passages of intimate tenderness came across well, and the brazen magnificence of the auto-da-fé drove the Prommers into a frenzy, so much so that Haitink had to dampen applause where it held the drama up. The galleries were put to good use for offstage effects.

The Prom forces were largely those of a new recording, just "in the can". But the recording's Elisabeth, Galina Gorchakova, was replaced here at the eleventh hour by Sylvie Valayre. Though one would rather have heard Valayre sing the role in her native French, she brought warm Mediterranean tone to the part and sang with touching directness. Richard Margison's Don Carlos matched her in his emotionally charged singing; with a little more colour his strong Italianate tenor could be very exciting.

As Posa, Dmitry Hvorostovsky gave one of his best recent performances, his long lines compensating for a slightly constricted baritone sound and his belief in the character making the death scene deeply moving. Olga Borodina brought glamorous but unvarying tone to her Eboli. Roberto Scandiuzzi was a dignified Philip, but Robert Lloyd not chilling enough as the Grand Inquisitor.

Even down through the smaller parts the music spoke directly: where the Royal Opera's production had underplayed the grandeur, here it was always possible to imagine the terrible events that motivate the human drama in this stirring masterpiece.

JOHN ALLISON

Andrew Davis: conducted a stylish if not exciting performance of Haydn's *Creation* to open the Proms

In the beginning

The Creation
Albert Hall/Radio 3

It is not hard to guess why Haydn's *The Creation* was chosen to launch this particular Proms season. The oratorio, an epic testament to Enlightenment ideals, opens in a mist of chromatic harmonies: the "Representation of Chaos". But ten minutes later all that is swept away. In the purest A major the chorus sings of the "new world" that "springs up at God's command".

Well, the Proms are something of a new world this year, with a fresh director, Nicholas Kenyon, to guide them into their second century. And although his innovations may not yet add up to a Garden of Eden, they indicate a welcome determination to extend the Proms' reputation for friendly accessibility.

This concert, televised live on BBC2, was by and large a fine advertisement. Andrew Davis conducted a performance that was smartly controlled, stylish and often beautiful — though never as exciting as it should have been.

That may have been partly because the work was sung in German, even though Haydn was inspired to write it by English choirs and an English libretto. Benjamin Britten always insisted on performing the Bach Passions in a language the audience understood, and *The Creation* is just as much a "story-telling" work. It demands a direct link to the listener.

Perhaps if the soloists had warmed to their roles earlier the drama would have seemed more gripping. But Juliane Banse, Hans Peter Blochwitz and Wolfgang Schöne never displayed the big personalities needed in this hall.

However, the BBC Symphony Orchestra often played delightfully, particularly when delivering pungent cameos of the creepy-crawlies in Haydn's Garden of Eden. And the BBC Symphony Chorus, though a bit thin on tenors, raced through the fugues with cracking verve.

RICHARD MORRISON

● *This review appeared in later editions on Saturday*

Cheap and filling

THEATRE

Promises Promises
Bridewell, EC4

FRINGE musicals are more fun. Million-dollar sets and dozens of dancing girls rarely send me skipping around crying: "My, that's bucked me up." But at the Bridewell Theatre, a converted swimming pool down a tiny lane off Fleet Street, I found it a thousandfold more heart-warming to watch a Broadway show done on a shoestring.

The Bridewell's season of lesser-known American musicals is kicked off by the Manhatian Project theatre company's production of *Promises Promises*, the 1960s New York sex comedy about office affairs scored by Burt Bacharach and scripted by Neil Simon.

Our hero, Chuck Baxter, is a Mr Nobody in the accounts department, ambitiously staying late but going nowhere. He is sweet on Fran from the cafeteria, but she is only crazy about him when we slip into his fantasies. Meanwhile, the company's executives, realising Baxter is a soft touch, avail themselves of his one-bedroom apartment for extra-marital hanky panky with a constant stream of secretaries.

Even Sheldrake, the boss, joins the queue, promising promotion but, to Baxter's dismay, having a fling with Fran. Happily, of course, the right guy and gal see the error of their former ways and get together in the end.

You can certainly pick holes in this show. The three-strong "orchestra" can sound repetitively percussive, and drowns a few songs. Marcus Allen Cooper's Baxter is in a bit of a rush, and does not switch with the sharpest comic timing between polite conversations and aghast asides to the audience. Murray Woodfield's Sheldrake could be a more slimy and manipulative cad. Vanessa Cross's Fran seems more cool and together than her character suggests. Fran is surely more shattered after being dropped by Sheldrake, comparing herself to her broken compact mirror. Still, Cross sings very prettily and Cooper has a sweet bounce to him.

The old doc next door (Harry Dickman) is a delightful wisecracker, clearly under the misapprehension from the bumps in the night that Baxter is an indefatigable stud. Joyce Springer is also a hoot as the bar-crawling widow who picks up Baxter.

The chorus lines are a joy. The ladies, a quartet of hip-wiggling mini-skirted secretaries, managed to send up ditsy tarts and be sexy movers. The chorus boys are a terrific joke: a crew of seedy, balding businessmen sporting sensible tweed coats trying to get hip, snapping their fingers as they harmonise in the frustrated adulterers' ditty, *Where Can You Take a Girl?*

KATE BASSETT

DONALD COOPER

From left: Jonathan Clarkson, Marcus Allen Cooper, Simon Clark and Jon Osbaldeston in *Promises Promises*

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Matthew Parris

■ If we all put off until 2000 what we could have done today, we shall all run out of excuses simultaneously

For some time I have been contemplating buying a new encyclopaedia. True, my 1950s set of *Britannica* serves me well for most purposes; little of importance has been discovered or invented since the Second World War. There is information technology, I suppose, but of the last five centuries, the 20th must be the only one in which a clairvoyant could stand at its dawn, look towards its dusk, and find the landscape so familiar: automobiles, gas and electricity, collars and ties, trains, Georgian-style houses and women in silly hats.

Still, I thought, one deserves a new encyclopaedia every fifty years. But then I hesitated. Why not wait until the year 2000? A *Britannica* with "1996" on it — an edition with nineteen-anything on it — is doomed to age very suddenly at midnight on Decemebr 31, 1999. A 2000 *Britannica* will appear fresher for longer.

The same thought occurred as I considered replacing my Debrett's *People of Today* (1993) and my *Who's Who* (1989). These volumes do not come cheap, and few of us buy a new edition every year. This year there seemed reason to delay even longer: until 2000, when an edition with a longer apparent shelf-life will be available.

It's illogical, of course. No quantum leap in knowledge or human biography takes place when an arbitrary system of chronological notation changes its initial digit. But then anniversaries of every sort are non-rational. Numbers have a primitive magic, and 1899 feels more than a year further away from us than 1900.

And if I have deferred purchase of these volumes for this reason, is it not likely that others may be doing so too? The phenomenon — let us call it the Pre-Millennial Torpor effect (PMT) — will gather force as the millennium approaches. Those who publish encyclopaedias and Who's Whos will surely notice a steady decline in sales right up until January 1, 2000; then a sudden spurt. It could be very marked in 1998-99. Nor will it be *Britannica*, *Debrett's* and *Who's Who* alone that are affected. Any directory or work of reference, any occasional catalogue which bears its date prominently and which is commonly purchased less often than annually will find consumers hanging back before updating their editions. Autobiographies and travel-guides, atlases and brochures will all gain shelf-life from that magic "2" on their title pages. Printers can expect a lull, then a rush.

PMT will be noticeable beyond the publication of directories, however. Launches and relaunches — of products, projects, magazines, car-marques, series, even campaigns — will covet the "2000" logo. This will cast a shadow backwards over the final years of this century, as any kind of venture for which the date might matter drums its fingers, awaiting the millennium. By contrast, the first years of the next century should see the champagne corks popping on a crowded calendar of unveilings, dubbings, blessings, curtain-raisings, dedications and plaque-engravings.

Even Christenings, surely? I have always reproached my parents for causing me to be born in 1949, when 1950 would sound so much younger. Were one planning a child oneself around 1999, one would surely do the poor kid the favour of delaying the happy event a few months. January 1, 2000 being the premium birthday, April 1, 1999 should be a night of candlelight and soft music for more than the usual number of intending mums and dads.

And how about retirements? Were we contemplating the fateful decision in the three years ahead, then might not there be a strong temptation for many to stagger on just a little longer? As far as I am concerned, "Parliamentary sketch-writer for *The Times*, 1988-2000" would look more than one-eleventh more impressive than "1988-99". By extension, the jobs pages of the newspapers may be unusually full over the first year of the millennium.

> There will be a polishing and a dusting such as never was before

So will the order-books of fitted-kitchen manufacturers. That long-postponed decision to buy a new kitchen, recarpet the bedroom or redecorate the lounge may meet, for many, its final postponement in the thought "let's put it off until the next century". As the clock strikes midnight, the last excuse will crumble.

People will be giving up chocolate, giving up drinking, giving up their husbands, becoming vegetarians or — in my case — sweeping under the fridge, a job I've postponed for five years already. Quentin Crisp may dust his flat.

I may buy a new suit. My Land Rover, which I've vowed to keep on the road until the end of the century, will finally be allowed to fail its MoT. Perhaps it will be the time to write a novel, start an autobiography, walk the Pennine Way or sail around the world. Or the time to fix that tap.

There will be such a stocktaking, a dusting and polishing and a reorganising of the bookcase as never was. Johnson's will sell out of Pledge. There will be an end, at last, to procrastination.

Tomorrow is the day that never comes. But the end of a century does come and is coming. The world's biggest excuse is running out.

The leaked discussion paper is not "cranky" but proper, and reducing the State is possible

Why the Treasury kids are prescient

William Rees-Mogg

Our jolly Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, has yet again made a fool of himself over the admirable leaked Treasury memorandum. He dismissed it as the work of "kids in the office". All my lifetime, the Treasury has had an inverted pyramid of brains, with bright young people, who have some real understanding of economics, in relatively junior official ranks, and the shrewd old pols, who did not know where the decimal point should go, occupying the grand offices of state. The characteristic relationship occurred in the 1960s, when Peter Jay was a "kid in the office", and his father-in-law, Jim Callaghan, who always felt ashamed that he was not a Labour intellectual (as if that would have done him any good), was Chancellor of the Exchequer. Kenneth Clarke should not have forgotten the Treasury rule that it is "the kids in the office" who actually know what they are talking about. No doubt Helen Goodman, who led the memorandum team, is very bright; at 37 she is not so very young.

In truth, the leaked memorandum is reassuring, not because it will be right in all its policy predictions — how could it be? — but because it shows there are some people in the Treasury thinking about Britain's future. We know that the Chancellor is not. He never says anything which suggests that his process of cerebration was not shut down in 1986 like Chernobyl. David Heathcoat-Amory has been doing some thinking, and seems to have concluded that the single currency policy makes no sense. Now that he is going, it is good that there are Treasury officials, likely still to be there when Gordon Brown becomes Chancellor, who have seen how different the future is going to be and how soon it is going to arrive.

The current phase of the world's economic future started some years ago; perhaps the best date for it is 1981. From that year onwards, two economic developments accelerated as mass movement. One was the growth of computing power, the other was the advance of the big Asian economies, particularly China. Neither of these phenomena was wholly new. The computer was already present in most offices, and Japan had already shown what the Asian economic revolution could do. But the old structures had changed very little: the United States, Europe, the Soviet Union; bureaucratic big businesses with many tiers of management; the European-style welfare state; Nato, the Warsaw Pact — these were the permanent institutions of the old world. In them laid power.

The Treasury memorandum looks forward to the world as it may be in the period from 2005 to 2015, only a few years hence. In 2015, the ranking of countries in their share of world output is expected to be China (1), the United States (2), Japan (3), India (4), Germany (5), Brazil (6), Indonesia (7), France (8), Thailand (9), United Kingdom (10), Mexico (11), South Korea (12), Italy (13), Russia (14). China's output will be as large as that of the United States and Japan put together. Germany will have less than 5 per cent of world output, and that will be falling.

There are two views about the best response to this rapid change. One view, which the European Union has so far accepted, is that big government, in particular big European government, can protect the people of Europe from radical economic and technological changes. That is the majority view of the European political class. The Clinton Administration in Washington thinks in the same way. Not surprisingly, some politicians have not yet reached a clear judgment. In British politics, Chris Patten, the governor of Hong Kong, wants to endorse Hong Kong competitive values for Britain, while taking Britain to the "heart of Europe", which is a very anti-Hong Kong place to be. Sir James Goldsmith wants the opposite; he believes in European protectionism, but not in a single European government. Both men stand like flamingos in a lake with one foot in the truth and the other in mid-air.

The big Europe policy is already doomed. Both the German and French governments are desperately trying to reduce the burden of government. They are running into difficulties, including the French strikes of last Christmas and last Friday's defeat of the German budget cuts in the Bundesrat, the upper house. Looking back, the Maastricht treaty can be seen as a folly of triumphalism thrown up by the collapse of the Soviet Union, which was in fact a symptom of Europe's decline. Europe's failure of competitiveness is not going to be corrected by making the conditions which caused it even worse. The present Europeanist policy is not just wrong, it is totally absurd.

The alternative policy is to cut back the burden of the State to competitive levels, from the 40-50 per cent common in Europe, to the 30 per cent of Japan or, ideally to the 20 per cent of Hong Kong. Of course the Treasury ought to be examining the feasibility of the smaller-State. Any future British government, Conservative or Labour, is going to have to do so. The great failure of the present Government is to have allowed the State to grow since John Major became Prime Minister.

The Treasury document correctly observes that a balanced budget is an entirely possible objective for Britain in the medium term. Given the loss of control of public borrowing, we need to restore that balance. The arithmetic is not all that frightening. Britain has a well established, if unsatisfactory, growth rate of 2 per cent, which means that output in 2005 will be about 122 per cent of 1995's, rising to nearly 150 per cent in 2015. If government expenditure is only contained so that it rises half as fast as national output, it will fall from the present level of about 42 per cent of GDP to 38 per cent in 2005 and to 34 per cent in 2015. If it were prevented from rising at all in real terms, it would fall to 35 per cent in 2005 and to 28 in 2015. That would reduce national costs and lead to an increase in savings and investment: the United Kingdom would become more competitive, and the growth rate itself would tend to rise.

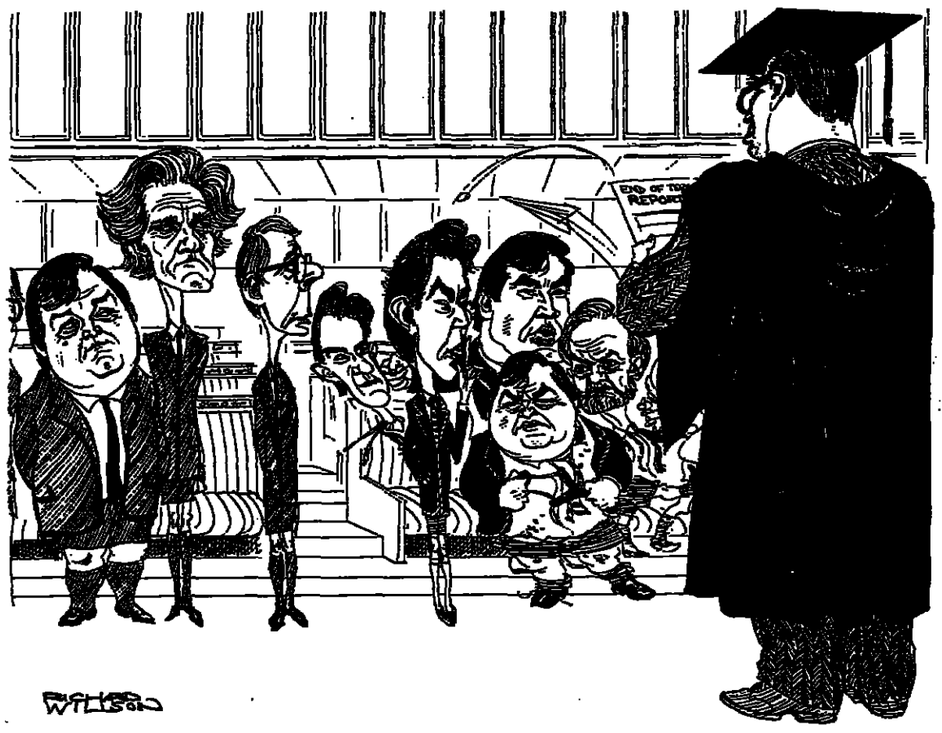
The Treasury team sees the privatisation of the welfare state, which now costs £90 billion a year, as a necessary condition of reducing the cost of the State. As economic growth makes people richer, they can provide better for their own future needs than the State can. When early industrial Britain was still poor, the poor law was the safety net: it was all that society could afford. As Britain became richer, we thought we could afford the welfare state, but at a cost to our competiveness.

As Britain in the future becomes richer still — and British output per head will be about 50 per cent higher in 2015 than it is now — the need for universal welfare provision will decline. People will prefer to save for their own future needs, as they already do in Singapore or Hong Kong. The safety net is all they will still want from the State.

Even at our present 2 per cent growth rate, Britain's output, on a 1995 base, will rise from 150 in 2015 to 225 in 2035, to 335 in 2055 and to 500 in 2075. That is the trend line. Our existing welfare philosophy reflects the social conditions of the 1930s and 1940s, of the slump and the war. The Treasury has a duty to think about the smaller-State option for the future. When Kenneth Clarke says that is "cranky", he only shows that he is far too old-fashioned to be a modern Chancellor.

Discipline wins elections

Peter Riddell says Labour has to keep on behaving like a Government



The next election will be won by the party which looks and behaves more like a government than an opposition. This is not the same as which party is in office. The Tories have often looked more like an opposition in recent years, while Tony Blair has made Labour at least resemble a potential government. The present pre-recess upheavals in both parties largely reflect the conflict between these two tendencies.

A key influence on votes is whether people regard a party as united and capable of governing, or split and constantly infighting. Does a party show the self-discipline, coherence and sense of direction which people expect of a government? Or does it display the self-indulgence, lack of cohesion and ideological zealotry which voters associate with oppositions?

During the 1980s, there was no real choice. Neil Kinnock knew what was wrong and did much to change Labour. But he was a transitional figure — a Labour version of Mikhail Gorbachev — and never appeared a credible prime minister. Then John Major managed — the main achievement of his premiership — to reunite the Tories after the fall of Margaret Thatcher, and to present them anew as a party of government during the 1992 election.

That changed in September 1992. The paradox of Black Wednesday is that while sterling's exit from the exchange-rate mechanism boosted economic recovery, the political débâcle and continuing civil war over Europe have undermined the Tories' claim to be a party of government. In face of such divisions, the only sensible course would have been to patch up a compromise and focus on something else: economic recovery, the flaws in "new" Labour — whatever. That is what Mr Major has tried to do with his manoeuvring between the pro-Europeans and the sceptics, and his promise of a referendum on a single currency. But it is not enough.

A sizeable minority of Tory MPs are preoccupied, even obsessed, with Europe — pressing the sceptic case regardless of the impact on party unity. No one disputes the sincerity of David Heathcoat-Amory's opposition to a European single currency, or his right to express his doubts from the backbenches. But to resign now will turn what should have been just a little-noticed shuffle of middle-ranking and junior ministers into several days of headlines about Tory splits. I do not believe that any likely Tory Government would enter a single currency in the next Parliament, but to rule it out now risks a possibly fatal Cabinet split and the resignation of several ministers, including Kenneth Clarke. That is the mark of a party of opposition.

RIDDELL ON MONDAY

Many Tories have already written off the election and are preparing for later battles — although even the most anti-Major MPs are still fighting hard, not least for their own survival. John Redwood has been skilful at balancing loyal anti-Labourism and putting down post-election markers of the "if you'd only follow my advice you'd be all right" kind. This duality will be underlined at the party conference, where appeals from the platform for unity against the threat of new Labour will be matched by a beauty contest on the fringe, where leadership contenders will parade their charms in a coded way under titles such as "Forward to the Millennium".

By contrast, Labour *appears* more disciplined. Mr Blair has concentrated on presenting Labour as a credible alternative government, avoiding any policy or statement which could compromise that goal. And all but a few mavericks and hard-left MPs are willing to keep quiet at present.

These pressures will reach their bizarre climax in the Shadow Cabinet elections on Wednesday. In a compromise with his critics, Mr Blair is seeking an endorsement of the current team, with Jack Cunningham in place of the retiring Joan Lestor. This has meant backing half a dozen members of the Shadow Cabinet who are cool or hostile towards new Labour, and meanwhile a number of talented Blairites have been persuaded not to stand, in the cause of unity. So Mr Blair will be landed with a team he would not himself have chosen, and which is inferior in many ways to the Cabinet. This matters because an incoming Labour prime minister has to pick his first Cabinet from those previously elected to the Shadow Cabinet. Before the 1980s, only 12 members were elected, but now 19 are elected, removing any flexibility. If he wins, Mr Blair will probably bend the rules. But during the election Labour's case will not be presented by its best team, and this is a legacy of rule changes dictated by the pressures of opposition politics rather than government.

More serious, although less appreciated, is the persistence of ingrained opposition attitudes — a tendency to condemn everything ministers say and do. That is perhaps understandable given the length of time the party has been out of office. But it reduces Labour's credibility. Gordon Brown, one of Labour's most thoughtful and cautious leaders, made a mistake in immediately denouncing the Treasury strategy paper revealed in *The Times* last Wednesday. It made him appear more like an opportunist opposition politician than an aspiring Chancellor. Similar tensions have appeared over David Blunkett's appeal to the rail unions to end the strikes affecting the London Underground and go to arbitration. Several members of the Shadow Cabinet believe the party should stick to its traditional line of keeping out of union affairs, though they have at least mouthed support for collective responsibility.

At present, Labour is more successful than the Tories at hiding divisions and appearing as a party of government. One of the most striking changes shown by MORI polls is that the public's image of Tory and Labour party unity and division have been reversed since 1992. The Tories may still want to win, but for the moment Labour has shown greater determination and self-discipline.

Royal luck

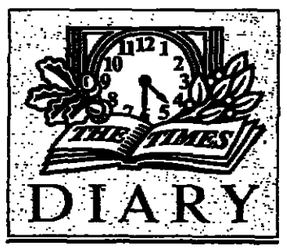
MARTIN BASHIR, the journalist who brought the Princess of Wales to confessional in the world's living rooms, is so disenchanted with the BBC that he is on the verge of quitting for a career in America. The architect of the corporation's biggest scoop in years is said to be close to despair at vicious backbiting that has frustrated his every move since the *Panorama* broadcast last year brought him international renown.

Bashir is giving serious consideration to lucrative offers from American networks after seeing his options knocked down in Britain. When *Panorama* returns in the autumn, it will be almost a year since he appeared. Last month, a plan for him to present *The One O'Clock News* was mysteriously dropped by BBC bosses, who offered a limp excuse about difficulties with staff rotas. This followed speculation that stories about Bashir creating false documents for use in a programme were part of a smear campaign by envious colleagues within the BBC.

Friends say his relations with some of the reporters are now so poor that he no longer works out of the office. Occassionally he is to be seen borrowing a desk in other, more hospitable corners of Television Centre.

"Martin is in a mess, it has all gone wrong since the interview with Diana," says a colleague. "I would not be at all surprised to see him go. He got the biggest scoop of the decade and now he has to skulk about avoiding jealous colleagues."

"Suzanne Charlton says no more than 35 minutes of sun"



● *To commemorate the bicentenary of the death of Robert Burns, literary pilgrims descended on Burns Cottage, Alloway, yesterday. Organisers of a photoshoot had tracked down Rabbie's great great great grandson, retired RAF Group Captain Richard Gowring, 56. Few poetic genes have survived the generations. "I have no strong interest in Burns, and I couldn't tell you a line from any of his poems," he said cheerfully.*

Right on track

POLITICS are casting a shadow over the running track in Sheffield where the Hallamshire Harriers, the athletics club which nurtured Sebastian Coe, is preparing to celebrate its centenary next month. Old Labour forces on the club committee are protesting at the decision to invite Coe, winner of two Olympic 1,500-metre gold medals and now a Tory MP, to be guest of honour at a lavish banquet to mark the occasion. There is talk of a boycott.

"Some of the members complained that Seb's politics are not the same as ours," says Malcolm Heap, the club secretary. "Sheffield is a left-wing city and a left-wing council, but politics shouldn't be dragged into it. He's coming because he's a legend. The hills of Sheffield gave his legs the strength to triumph."

● *With the future of Northern Ireland as gloomy as it has been for a long time, the Unionists are stepping up their cause in mainland Britain, with the formation of the Unionist Information Office. Its manager is Patricia Campbell, who, surprisingly, is a Roman Catholic. "The UIO is a broad church," explains its director, David Burnside.*

Wheel life

LORD TEBBIT, famous for his "get on your bike" advice to those looking for work, has clearly decided that pedal power isn't so great after all. A cyclist had first-hand experience of this volte-face the other day as he was riding out of the subway beneath Marble Arch towards Green Park. His mistake was to try to zip across a pedestrian-only area.

"This chap came towards me and barged me with his shoulder so that I toppled against a wall. He said: 'Good gracious! You nearly fell off your bicycle.' Then he walked off and I realised it was Tebbit," says the cyclist, now suitably contrite. "I was in the wrong. I was a few yards from the cycle path. But it was a bit of a surprise."

Toby, to be

NEWS to shatter female hearts across the country: Toby Stephens, the rugged young actor, son of Dame Maggie Smith and the late Sir Robert Stephens, is to marry. His bride, Alison Fogg, is a head-turning language graduate whose father, Nicholas, is a Shakespeare buff. Alison has developed a fair knowledge of the plays herself, as a result of courting one of the Royal Shakespeare Company's most promising talents. "I was always hanging around the Barbican. I saw his Coriolanus three times, as well as many others," she says.

No wedding date has been fixed, but the couple spent the weekend in Wiltshire at the Marlborough Festival, the arts jamboree where they met exactly a year ago. Alison is well used to living with young men whose looks set female pulses racing: "Both my brothers are models you see."

Acting naturally: Alison Fogg and Toby Stephens

● *Jackie Stewart's house between Geneva and Lausanne will not lie empty despite his decision to return to England after 28 years as a tax exile. The middle-aged, middle-of-the-road pop singer Phil Collins is leasing it with his 23-year-old Swiss girlfriend, Orianne Cevey.*

P·H·S

TERROR IN TARRAGONA

Eta is a repugnant aberration in modern, democratic Spain

The Basque terrorist group Eta has struck at British tourists and Spaniards in Tarragona, eastern Spain. This is not the first time it has targeted innocent people. It will not be the last. At the height of Spain's tourist season, Eta is out to create a psychosis of fear, frightening tourists away and damaging the Spanish economy. Many British holidaymakers, the mainstay of Spain's tourist industry, will be deterred by the rise in Eta attacks; but regular visitors to the country know that even when Eta bombs are taken into account, Spain remains a generally safe and hospitable holiday destination.

It will be safer still once the threat of Eta has been eliminated. Like all organisations which resort to terror, Eta claims that its cause justifies extremism. The truth is that Eta no longer has a cause and the Basques themselves know it. Eta is the Basque-language acronym for "Land and Freedom", the two goals for which this armed group originally launched its terrorist war against the Spanish State. Yet in modern, democratic Spain, its nationalist pretensions are as absurd as its methods are outrageous. The Basque people already have their land. The Basque people are already free.

Spanish politics today may have its flaws, but political or ethnic repression are not among them. The Basques enjoy a greater degree of autonomy than most other "peoples" in Europe. They have their own parliament and premier and powers to raise and spend taxes unmatched anywhere else in Europe except in the German *länder*. They even have their own police force, an understandable concession to a community brutally treated by the Guardia Civil in the time of General Franco. Their impenetrable language, Euskera, is imposed at great public expense throughout the regions where Basques live, even though large sections of society learn it unwillingly.

Julio Caro Baroja, the noted Basque anthropologist, once wrote that "to be a liberal in the Basque country is to be a lunatic; it is like talking to yourself in the street". He would not recognise the place today. For it is the growth of a liberal consciousness among the Basques that best illustrates the distance the region has travelled since General Franco died.

Violence, once endorsed by many Basques, is now rejected by virtually everyone. With the new moderation in the ruling Popular Party — whose traditional opposition to autonomy is, sensibly, a thing of the past — an alliance has been forged between the Christian Democrat Basque Nationalist Party (PNV) and José María Aznar, the conservative Prime Minister. Basque voters now exercise unprecedented political leverage in Madrid, which has empowered them in novel ways and, at the same time, drawn them firmly into the national mainstream.

Eta is completely isolated and has been so for nearly a decade. Each time it resorts to terrorism, it reinforces the repugnance with which it is viewed. Unless it renounces violence altogether, and unconditionally, the Spanish Government will continue to push relentlessly for its destruction. Spain's neighbours have a duty to help. All members of the European Union should waste no more time in putting into effect the treaty on extraditions which was formulated at the recent summit in Florence. Let no Eta terrorist — or IRA member — qualify for sanctuary anywhere in Europe on the grounds that his crimes are "political". Eta has no basis. It stands not for land and freedom, but for tyranny and murder.

FIREFIGHTS AND FIREFLIES

Dissent in the party ranks hurts Major far more than Blair

An iron law dictates that every time the Prime Minister instructs his party to train all their guns on the Opposition, as he did last Friday, a shot rings out behind his back. It seems to work all the more infallibly when Mr Major is seconded by Sir Marcus Fox, the doughty chairman of the 1922 Committee who told MPs at the same meeting to take "a vow of silence" unless they had something to say that would help win the election.

This time, it was not a case of Mr Major being caught unawares; he knew when he spoke that David Heathcoat-Amory, the Paymaster-General, was contemplating resignation this week in order to oppose the Prime Minister's painfully constructed compromise on European monetary union. In itself, this would be no great disaster. Mr Heathcoat-Amory is an intelligent and principled man; his departure would be the first ministerial defection publicly linked to Tory divisions over Europe. But whether at the whips' office, as minister for Europe or at the Treasury, his career to date hardly marks him as a blazing Tory comet. On the Tory back benches, he could be expected to threaten nothing more disloyal than a well-argued Euro-sceptic pamphlet or two.

The timing, however, guarantees that instead of being the boringly routine affair that Mr Major had hoped, this week's minor reshuffle will occupy headlines that the Tories would much rather see devoted to sparring between the pro- and anti-Harman lobbies in Labour's Shadow Cabinet election. Even before the vacancy was confirmed, Mr Major was under pressure at the weekend to pick a successor from the Euro-sceptic wing of the party. Even if Mr Heathcoat-Amory goes quietly, supporters of the Redwood-Howard wing of the party will provide a deafening fanfare of trumpets.

For Mr Major, all this is the more irritating because, within weeks of the Conservatives uttering their "new Labour, new danger" battlecry, thin cracks have at last appeared in Tony Blair's disciplined ranks. His Shadow Cabinet has been audibly unenthusiastic about his efforts, mindful of the exasperation of Londoners over the Tube strikes and the importance of London's votes for Labour, to secure union assent to binding arbitration. There is wider unrest over welfare reform. Diane Abbott's happy admission yesterday that the entire party will be ecstatic the day after a Labour victory but that "after that, it gets a little bit more interesting" is tailor-made for pre-election Tory broadcasts. Finally, there is Tory fun to be had at Gordon Brown's expense, now that it turns out that the main author of the Treasury paper whose contents *The Times* disclosed last week, and which the Shadow Chancellor denounced as a "stampede to the right", is Helen Goodman, who until she suddenly withdrew last Friday was hoping to be Labour's candidate for Barnsley.

The trouble, as Mr Major knows, is that Mr Blair will not only make light work of these July fireflies, but has shown that he can turn internal dissent to electoral advantage. Every quarrel reminds some people that "old Labour" still has deep roots; but to many more, it demonstrates how hard Mr Blair is driving the engine of reform.

Every fresh fracture in the Tory party, by contrast, helps Labour to present the Conservatives as so hopelessly split as to be incapable of governing. That tells particularly with the Tories' traditional middle-class supporters. With this crucial core of voters, it will not be enough for Mr Major to win the "don't let Labour ruin it" argument; they could still cost him the election by abstaining. This general election campaign has begun so early that all parties will have a tough time keeping their troops battle-ready. The party with the firmest profile will have the edge. On Europe, Mr Major is struggling to blur incompatible positions. It may seem to him the path of safety; but the path is is booby-trapped every step of the way.

EVERYMAN'S FEAST

Britain takes its annual Promenade through the world of music

Where would classical music in Britain be without the Proms? The 102nd season of Henry Wood Promenade Concerts opened last Friday at the Albert Hall with Haydn's *The Creation*. The sudden glory of God's handiwork, which this oratorio embodies to perfection, will be echoed throughout the series, with a special emphasis on Haydn, Stravinsky and Bruckner.

Creation and rebirth is the theme chosen by Nicholas Kenyon, who takes over from Sir John Drummond this year as Director of the Proms, to unite the 72 concerts which make up incomparably the greatest music festival on earth. Mr Kenyon has had his share of controversy as Controller of BBC Radio Three; but his selection of music and performers this year is as mainstream as it is original. The Proms must have room for the *avant garde* première as well as the war-horse; but Mr Kenyon is unlikely to provoke more conventional tastes as Sir John did by scheduling one of Harrison Birtwistle's less accessible pieces on the Last Night.

The Proms are nothing if not cosmopolitan. The Berlin Philharmonic, the Chicago Symphony, the New York Philharmonic, and the youthful Russian National Orchestra created recently for Mikhail Pletnev are among the visiting ensembles. The conductors include Sir Georg Solti, Bernard Haitink, Claudio Abbado, Daniel Barenboim, Kurt Masur, Mstislav Rostropovich and Sir Simon Rattle; among the soloists are Alfred Brendel and Anne-Sophie Mutter. There are two concerts for children and young people, concerts of Indian music and jazz, semi-staged operas (*Don Carlos* from Covent Garden, *Lulu* from Glyndebourne), musicals (Weill's rare *The Silver Lake*) and ballet (*The Soldier's Tale*). Lovers of early music Kenyon) will be treated to an "authentic" performance of Beethoven's *Leonore*, while the premières include works by Tippett, Henze and Maxwell-Davies.

The British, of course, take this for granted. The Albert Hall can accommodate more than half a million people each year for the Proms, every concert is broadcast live on Radio Three, many are televised and the Last Night will be relayed to nearby Hyde Park. Indeed, promenaders who are willing to queue and do without seats can attend the entire season for £130 in the arena or £80 in the gallery. Although the sense of occasion is such that the standard of performance is especially high, the ethos of the Proms is inclusive, democratic and popular.

The Proms are still associated by some with waving flags and bellowing *Rule Britannia*. Nothing wrong with that, but James Naughtie, who this year replaces Richard Baker as presenter of the Last Night, should take the opportunity of this post-prandial orgy to remind the ignorant of the great feast of music which precedes it.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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'Fear and confusion' as Asylum Bill returns to Lords

From Rabbi Julia Neuberger

Sir, Lord Runcie and Lord Jakobovits are joining a group of peers tabling a new amendment to the Asylum and Immigration Bill on July 22, insisting that refugees be given a three-day period of grace to apply for asylum.

John McCarthy, the former Beirut hostage, has already written to peers describing his reaction, in the wake of his own experience, to the Bill and its implications: "It is incredible to me that a civilised, humane society can consider denying shelter and food at such a time to people who have already suffered greatly."

I served on the Glidewell panel in the spring, hearing asylum-seekers talking of leaving their countries in fear and confusion and arriving here, also in fear and confusion, and can only echo what McCarthy has said.

I am also the daughter of a refugee from Nazi Germany, who grew up with the fears of those who found asylum here still echoing around me, and their experiences have shaped my life to a significant extent.

Those of us who know — even at second hand — something of the mind of the refugee are praying that their lordships will be prepared to support this amendment, whatever their political persuasion.

If they do not, we run the danger, as a country, of causing needless suffering, destitution and death. If they do, we can hold up our heads proudly as a humane society — and give genuine asylum-seekers a chance to receive support, recover from torture, and rebuild shattered lives.

Yours sincerely,
JULIA NEUBERGER,
36 Orlando Road, SW4.
July 19.

From Professor Lord Russell, FBA

Sir, Since Tony Blair offered proposals for the reform of the House of Lords, the Conservative Party has loudly praised the House for its ability to check the executive. When the Asylum and Immigration Bill returns to the Lords on July 22, that is what we will be attempting to do.

There is little enough check on the British executive. The story of withdrawal of benefits from asylum-seekers illustrates the limits of the courts' power to check the executive. Patronage ensures that the Government majority in the House of Commons does little to check the executive.

The House of Lords is a weak check, but it is the only one we have. If the check does not operate occasionally the House serves no useful purpose.

When the two Houses disagree agreement must be sought before the Bill in question can become law. What takes place therefore is a negotiating process.

The amendment to the Commons amendment to which the Lords will be asked to agree meets two of Peter Lilley's objections to our original amendents. We await his response with interest.

Yours sincerely,
RUSSELL (Liberal Democrat Social Security Spokesmen),
House of Lords.
July 18.

From Mr John Tincey

Sir, The House of Lords is again to debate the amendment to the Asylum and Immigration Bill giving asylum-seekers three days' grace after their entry in which to make a claim.

All concerned appear to have overlooked the fact that since by definition the authorities cannot prove when an illegal entrant came into the country, anyone will be able to claim that they have entered within the last three days and so gain full benefits.

The lack of understanding of such rudimentary facts hinders the resolution of the problems besetting our chaotic asylum system. As those who know the truth are barred from speaking out, a short official inquiry, undertaken by a genuinely independent person, is needed to allow the debate to be conducted on a sound, factual basis.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN TINCEY
(Information and Research Director),
Immigration Service Union,
Phillips House,
12 Church Street, Harwich, Essex.
July 19.

Gender and the language of God

From Canon Michael Perham

Sir, Your report today on the General Synod's debate on July 16 on the revision of Holy Communion Rites A and B gives an impression of a Church of England keener to go down the path of removing male pronouns about God than is the case.

In introducing the debate and the Liturgical Commission's report, I reminded the synod that for many years we have been committed to a policy of trying to remain in step with the international and ecumenical texts agreed with other English-speaking churches within and beyond our own country.

It is because those texts have been revised (in 1988), with some concern for gender-inclusive language, that we cannot avoid the issue. "Peace to *God's* People on Earth" instead of "*his* people", and "It is right to give *our* thanks and praise" instead of "give *him* thanks and praise", are both among these international texts.

Had we shared this enthusiasm for change, we would, for instance, have amended another text, one we do not share as a "common text" — that of the Blessing: "The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of *his* Son Jesus Christ our Lord."

The fact that we recommended no change at this point illustrates that the Commission's concern is not to change the language we use of God, but only to keep faith with our ecumenical partners.

We value our solidarity with Christians in other churches, but not at the expense of theological precision, as we see it; and the purpose of the synod debate was to test the mood before referring the proposals to a revision committee. There we shall discover whether the policy the Church of England has followed for some years can continue, or whether the inclusive language issue will force a change.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL PERHAM,
27 The Close, Norwich, Norfolk.
July 17.

From Mr Roger Coombs

Sir, You report today that "the Church of England is to remove references to God as male in its prayer book". Including the petition to "Our Father"?

To deny God's universal fatherhood, and therefore maleness, is to reject the teaching of Jesus. Will the Church really go that far in its surrender to feminism?

Yours faithfully,
ROGER COOMBS,
Spindles, Goudhurst, Kent.
July 17.

Changes at Treasury

From Mr R. G. J. Winchester

Sir, As purveyors of negative thinking, the Treasury always takes first prize (leading articles, July 17, 18; Economic view, July 18). For years now it has peddled the myth that the UK can't do this or that on its own, can't afford infrastructure projects, etc, etc. It acts like a myopic tortoise — slow and lumbering, pulling its head in at the sight of danger and with no vision beyond its limited horizon.

The Treasury is a real threat to our future prosperity. Quite probably, it should be subsumed into the Department of Trade and Industry, which is where the real effort has to come from if we are to recover our position near the top of the league of industrialised nations.

Treasury influence on the City and investment in industry is legendary. Change how the Treasury thinks and the repercussions could benefit the whole economy. We need visionaries and technocrats to lead us into the next millennium, not Civil Service bean-counters.

Yours faithfully,
R. G. J. WINCHESTER,
The Old Schoolhouse,
Old Rayne, Aberdeenshire.
July 17.

From the General Director, Institute of Economic Affairs

Sir, Your report, "US-style cuts in welfare under review" (July 17), points to the Chilean system of private insurance for all pension provision which was begun on May Day 1981.

Under such a private fully-funded scheme Chilean pensioners now enjoy incomes 50 to 100 per cent higher than they would have had under the old, unfunded state pay-as-you-go scheme.

Consequently a more accurate headline would have been, "Treasury plans to double pensions".

Yours faithfully,
JOHN BLUNDELL,
General Director,
The Institute of Economic Affairs,
2 Lord North Street, SW1.
July 18.

From Mr Clive Bone

Sir, It would surely be better to employ the undoubted talent of HM Treasury officials to explore and resolve how to reverse Britain's relative economic and industrial decline rather than to accommodate it.

Yours sincerely,
CLIVE BONE,
4 Onslow Gardens,
Muswell Hill, N10.
July 17.

From Mr Robert Ashby

Sir, Does the choice of a medieval chart of the heavens as the cover design of the Treasury report on strategy for the start of the next century indicate that its forecasts, too, are based on superstition and errors equivalent to believing the Earth to be the centre of the solar system?

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT ASHBY
(Executive Director),
British Humanist Asssociation,
47 Theobald's Road, WC1.
July 17.

One of the lads?

From the Reverend John Ticehurst

Sir, Last night the Prime Minister described himself in an interview with ITN on *News at Ten*, as "a public servant".

Yet your paper yesterday had as its main story that public service pay was to be frozen yet again. What happens to the MPs' 26 per cent rise? Or are there public servants and public servants?

Yours in confusion,
JOHN TICEHURST,
The Manse at Braunton,
59 Exeter Road,
Braunton, North Devon.
July 19.

Bold solutions for Northern Ireland

From Mr Winston Fletcher

Sir, Simon Jenkins ("Zulu lessons for Ulster", July 17) is right: the Government's policies in Ulster are in tatters and beyond repair.

Like many on this mainland, I am convinced that sooner or later Ulster will become part of Ireland. It cannot continue forever to be a running sore, as part of the UK, nor can it be a separate nation. To delegate to the six counties a modicum of local autonomy, as Jenkins suggests, would be far from sufficient.

The vital next step is for us to help those Ulstermen who refuse to live in a united Ireland to relocate on the mainland, and for the Irish Government to help those Ulster Catholics who are fearful of a Protestant backlash to relocate in the south. Quite simply, generous financial compensation must be offered to those who wish to leave.

Persuading people to move from place to place by offering financial incentives has a long and perfectly honourable history. It was the reason many ancestral Ulstermen moved there in the first place. It would be costly, short term, but cheap at the price.

And separating the combatants, one way or another, is what always happens in the end — as it did in India, Algeria, Cyprus, ex-Yugoslavia, and is now happening in Israel.

Strong leadership, generosity and unyielding resolution are required. Will any British government be bold enough?

Yours faithfully,
WINSTON FLETCHER,
Chapman's Farm,
Dunsden Green, Reading, Berkshire.
July 18.

From Mr H. A. Behenna

Sir, Simon Jenkins might like to reflect that Lugard's policy of indirect rule in Nigeria was not one of democracy through local leadership, but rather a benign autocracy — albeit a peaceful one.

Democracy through local leadership, with politicians voted into power, came in with independence — and see what happened then: bloodshed in Kano, civil war in Biafra, widespread corruption and, eventually and inevitably, military dictatorship and oppression. Natal and the Zulus, like Northern Ireland, may still have a long way to go.

Yours faithfully,
H. A. BEHENNA
(Colonial Service, Nigeria, 1950-55),
April Cottage, Barnes Lane,
Wellingore, Lincolnshire.

From Mr L. Gilbert

Sir, Mr Jeremy Arnold (letter, July 13) proposes the cession of the nationalist border areas of Northern Ireland to the Irish Republic, while maintaining the Unionist areas in the North and East as part of the UK.

However, the goal of the IRA is a united Ireland embracing the whole of the island: even if one group were to settle for less, others would take up the struggle. The only way to stop IRA violence is to cede the whole of Northern Ireland to the Irish Republic.

This might be achieved by the resettlement of Unionists elsewhere. Financial help could perhaps be obtained from the Irish Republic, the US and the European Union.

Yours faithfully,
L. GILBERT,
24 Lewes Road, N12.
July 16.

Trips to the Bar

From Mrs Su Stone

Sir, The figures which you quote (report, July 16, earlier editions) on the cost to trainee barristers of travelling to London from regional universities, in order to eat their 18 qualifying dinners, are surely exaggerated.

You cite £198 as the price of a rail return from Newcastle to London plus an overnight stay. An Apex return from Newcastle booked two weeks in advance costs £28, booked one week in advance costs £40, and a full fare booked on the day of travel is £59, with a student entitled to a deduction with a Young Person's railcard which costs £13 for the year.

Bed and breakfast in a respectable hotel in central London can be booked for less than £40 per night.

Yours truly,
SU STONE,
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Gray's Inn, WC1.
July 17.

Badger pests

From Mr Rupert Ridge

Sir, A few days ago my wife found a badger sitting in our hen house surrounded by the gasping and bloody remains of our hens (not the first such attack).

May I ask that the badger cub whose picture appears today on the back page of *The Times*, having been rescued by a member of the National Federation of Badger Groups, is not "released back into the wild . . . when it is strong enough to fend for itself" anywhere near here.

Beautiful, and needing protection against human cruelty, in their current numbers these magnificent animals are now also a pest.

Yours faithfully,
RUPERT RIDGE,
Brockley Elm House,
Brockley,
Backwell, North Somerset.
July 17.

Counting the years

From Mr Richard Need

Sir, The arithmetic which decrees the date of the millennium is so simple that I am puzzled as to why so many people produce such convoluted arguments (letters, June 27, July 2, 5, 10, 13) to try to establish that 20 centuries comprise only 1,999 years. It may be partly explained by the way we use our calendars and diaries.

A man does not celebrate his 100th birthday until the *end* of his 100th year; a batsman claims a century at the *end* of his 100th run; a car's odometer registers 2,000 at the *end* of the 2,000th mile. But we open our new diaries and calendars at the *beginning* of the new year.

So when we hang on the wall that calendar which says "January 2000" we must remember that there are still 12 months to go before we throw it away, dog-eared and scribbled on, at the *end* of the 2,000th year — by definition, the end of the millennium.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD NEED,
11 Hemingford Road, Cheam, Surrey.
July 14.

From Mr L. A. Partridge

Sir, The first page of a book may be page 1, but the first of a series, such as the old-style railway tickets, was always 0.

Yours faithfully,
L. A. PARTRIDGE,
72 Eastfield Avenue, Bath.
July 10.

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Post Office charges

From Mr Paul Eisler

Sir, As a result of the postal strikes no letter sent at first-class rate will arrive any faster than one sent at second-class rate, whilst one sent at second-class rate will presumably arrive slower still.

I suggest that the least the Post Office can do in compensation to its customers is to nominate a 24-hour period during which all letters will be charged at second-class rates and delivered as though they had been posted as first-class.

Yours sincerely,
PAUL EISLER,
6 Hogarth Hill, NW11.
July 18.

From Mr Raymond Durrant

Sir, As of today my local post office still has no leaflets setting out the recently increased postal charges.

The counter clerk was deeply apologetic and offered to give me the telephone number of the Royal Mail to see if I could hurry them up.

Yours faithfully,
RAYMOND DURRANT,
195 Marshalswick Lane,
St Albans, Hertfordshire.
July 19.

Pub names

From Mr Rodney Legg

Sir, Loss of historic inn names (letters, July 18, 20) is nothing new. Milborne Port, in south Somerset, currently offers the choice between the Queen's Head on one corner and the King's Head on another; but until 1817 or thereabouts the latter was known as "The Tippling Philosopher" — surely the best pub name in the land?

Yours sincerely,
RODNEY LEGG,
National School,
North Street, Wincanton, Somerset.
July 18.

Trade descriptions

From Flight Officer Mark Ashford

Sir, The assumption that the public expresses itself at "grass roots" level is well known. Today I learn ("The casualty criminals", Law, July 16) that certain beliefs are held by "coal face" junior doctors.

As an aviator I suppose my views would be somewhere near the "leading edge", or perhaps even "at the sharp end". I wonder how one might describe those of other professions?

Yours faithfully,
MARK ASHFORD,
79 Oliver Street,
Ampthill, Bedfordshire.
July 16.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 20: The Duke of York today attended the Open Golf Championship at the Royal Lytham and St Annes Golf Club and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Lancashire (Sir Simon Towneley).

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 20: The Prince Edward, Chairman of the International Council, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Association, was received this morning by The President of Malta at Verdala Palace before attending the Award's First European and Mediterranean Regional Conference at the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza, which was officially opened by The President.

His Royal Highness and The President of Malta later attended a Luncheon given by the British High Commissioner (His Excellency Mr Graham Archer) at his Residence.

This afternoon The Prince Edward visited the Park of Friendship, Marsascala, and met Gold Award Residential Project and President's Award participants.

His Royal Highness later returned for the closing session of the Regional Conference.

The Prince Edward this evening attended The President Award's Gala Dinner at the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza.

CLARENCE HOUSE
July 20: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, gave a Reception for the Confederation of the Cinque Ports at Walmer Castle this evening.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 21: The Duke of York this afternoon opened the World Wheelchair Games at the Guttmann Sports Centre, Stoke Mandeville, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire (Commander the Lord Cottesloe, RN).

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 21: The Prince Edward this afternoon arrived at Royal Air Force Northolt from Malta.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
July 21: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, this morning attended Matins at St Mary-in-the-Castle, Dover.

Her Majesty subsequently visited Dover Castle and was received by Brigadier David Godsal (Deputy Constable).

The Hon Mrs Rhodes, Sir Alastair Aird and Major Charles MacEwan were in attendance.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Anthony Ashley Cooper, 1st Earl of Shaftesbury, statesman, Wimborne St Giles, Dorset, 1621; Friedrich Bessel, astronomer, Minden, Germany, 1784; Gregor Mendel, pioneer of the study of heredity, Heizendorf, Austria, 1822; the Rev William Spooner, scholar and begetter of "spoonerisms", London, 1844; Frederick William Rolfe (Baron Corvo), writer, London, 1860; Selman Waksman, discoverer of streptomycin, Nobel laureate 1952, Priluka, Ukraine, 1888; Alexander Calder, sculptor, Philadelphia, 1898; Stephen Vincent Benet, poet, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, 1898; Sobhuza II, King of Swaziland 1899-1982, Zombodze, 1899.

DEATHS: Catherine Philips, poet, London, 1664; John Dalton, poet, Worcester, 1763; Marie François Bichat, physiologist, Paris, 1802; George Shaw, naturalist, London, 1813; Giuseppe Piazzi, astronomer, Palermo, 1826; Wilson Barrett, actor-manager, London, 1904; Florenz Ziegfeld, theatrical producer, Hollywood, 1932; Mackenzie King, Prime Minister of Canada 1921-26, 1926-30 and 1935-48, Kingsmere, Quebec, 1950; Carl Sandburg, poet and biographer, Flat Rock, North Carolina, 1967.

The Mormons reached the site of Salt Lake City, 1847.

The first round-the-world solo flight was completed by Wiley Post in 7 days 18hr 49min, 1933.

New Recorders

Northern Circuit: P D Cattan, A J Gilbart, QC, I M Hamilton, A S Webster, QC, Miss P H Badley, A F S Donovan, J E Finestein, N J Gilchrist, D M Kerr, A E R Noble, N J Warren.

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South Eastern Circuit: K J Farrow.

Nature notes

STOCK doves are still making their strange call deep in the foliage: it sounds like a man grunting rhythmically as he heaves at some heavy piece of furniture. Stock doves are like slightly smaller woodpigeons without the white wing bars or the white mark on the neck, and they are often overlooked in the woods. Buzzards are beginning to drift away from the moors, and are sometimes seen circling high over towns. More little egrets and spoonbills have been reported in marshy places: with their snowy white plumage they can both be spotted from far away.

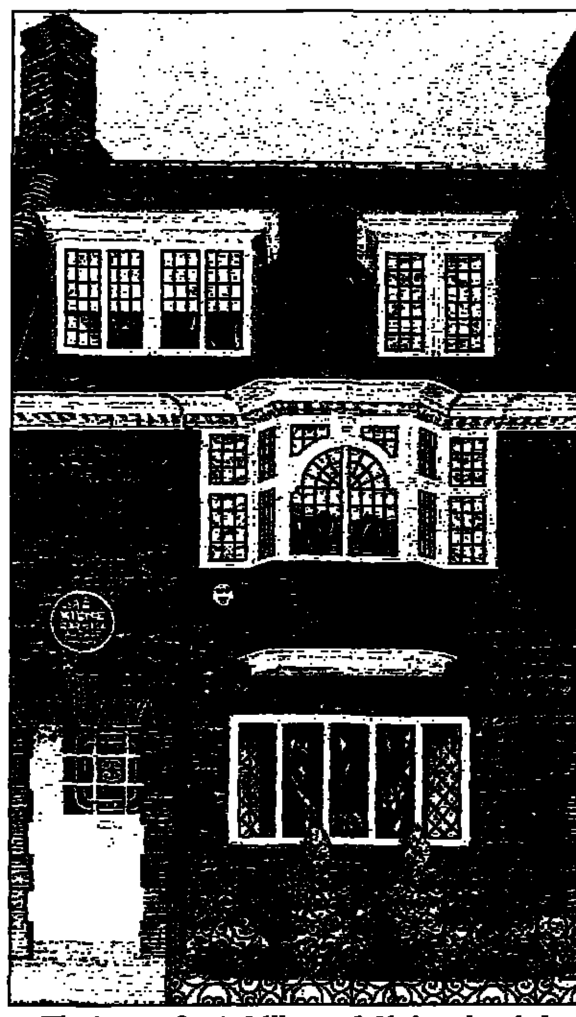
The buzzard

Pink and white flowers are opening on the tall plants of great hairy willow-herb. The small pink flowers of centaury grow closer to the ground. In some waste places, opium poppies have naturalised themselves; they have silky lilac petals with four dark spots at the bottom of the cup. Green berries are forming on the hawthorn hedges, and small blue sloes on the blackthorn. In the ditches, there are glossy green clusters of berries at the top of the cuckoo-pint stalks. Gatekeeper and comma butterflies are feeding on the bramble blossom. Many ponds are covered with the white flowers of water crowfoot, with blue damselflies glittering above them. DJM

Buyer sought for 'London's prettiest house'

Home of A.A. Milne put on sale for £1m

By Rachel Kelly


The home of A.A. Milne and Christopher, below

THE Chelsea house that was home to A.A. Milne for more than 20 years is up for sale for offers over £1 million.

The creator of Winnie-the-Pooh, Tigger, Piglet, and Kanga lived at No 13 Mallord Street between 1919 and 1942 with his wife Daphne and son Christopher Robin who was born in 1920.

When the Milnes moved in, the author described their three-storey terraced home as the "prettiest little house in London". In an article in August 1919, Milne wrote of his pride in having a "staircase of my own".

Christopher Robin's nurse, Olive Rand — remembered in verse as Alice — lived on the top floor with Christopher. Writing about his life, Christopher Milne, described the view from the nursery window thus: "If I stood on the Ottoman where I kept my toys I could look through the bars of the window and see the whole length of Mallord Street below me. It was a quiet, almost deserted street, no cars, no people, no noise, nothing to look at."

Christopher Robin later remembered the smell of geraniums and fuschias in the small front garden. With "Alice" the boy would have walked from the house to Buckingham Palace to see the Changing of the Guard, an experience immortalised in verse.

A journalist who visited the home described it as a "rhapsody of azure and primrose, with carpets of heavenly blue, walls of yellow". The writer's book-lined study was a neat and cosy room, he said. The drawing room is little changed and has the panels, fireplace and cornices of the Milnes' day.

The house has four bedrooms, two bathrooms, a drawing room, dining room, study, large kitchen, and south-facing garden. It has had two owners since the Milnes left and the current owner is selling through the agents to move to a smaller house. Alan Alexander Milne died in 1956.

Cash spurred on ancient Olympians

By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent

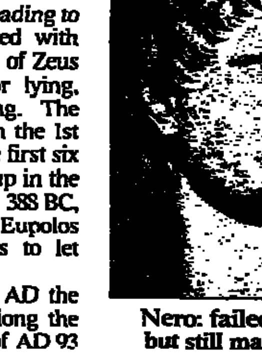
THE ancient Olympics were by no means the festivals of altruistic amateurism that inspired Pierre de Coubertin to emulate them a century ago. Bribery, cheating, violence and fat fees were common, and winning was the only reason for taking part.

The antics of the athletes at Olympia can be deduced from the reactions they engendered: one inscription of the late 6th century forbids wrestlers "to break any finger ... the judge shall punish by striking, except on the head".

The Olympic way leading to the stadium was lined with Zanes, bronze statues of Zeus paid for by fines for lying, bribery and cheating. The traveller Pausanias in the 1st century noted that the first six statues had been set up in the 98th Olympiad in 388 BC, when the boxer Eupolos bribed his opponents to let him win.

By the 4th century AD the statues reached all along the path, including one of AD 93 paid for by an Alexandrian athlete who arrived late blaming bad weather: he had in fact been competing for prizes at a rival games meeting in Ionia. A fellow competitor who exposed him was declared the winner by default.

Lead tablets bearing curses, similar to those found some years ago at the Roman temple in Uley, Gloucestershire, show that some athletes tried to steal a march on rivals by begging deities to "let them not prevail in running". Athletes were stimulated to greater efforts by the rewards that their home cities would add to the simple victor's wreath: Solon of Athens brought in bonuses of 500 drachmas (worth about £200,000 today) over 2,500 years ago.


Nero: failed to finish but still made winner

Transfers and free agents were also known: Astylos of Kroton won at Olympia for his home state in 488 and 484 BC, but won for Syracuse in 480. Young men were pursued not only by rival cities, but by prospective male lovers: vase paintings show mature men offering gifts of game.

The athlete's equipment consisted only of a jar of oil and a strigil for anointing and scraping himself clean, together with a discus or javelin, jumping weights or boxing thongs. "He had no shoes, no jockstrap, and no endorsements," Professor Donald Kyle says in the current edition of Archaeology. Recent excavations at Nemea in the Peloponnese have uncovered a votive pit containing a pentathlete's equipment: an iron discus, javelin points, a lead jumping weight, and a strigil. Painted drinking cups, presumably from the interment ritual, date the offering to between 550 and 525 BC.

For some events the winner did not even have to compete: in equestrian contests the owners, not the riders or chariot drivers, were the victors, allowing women to win, as did Kyniska, daughter of the king of Sparta in 396 BC. The great Alcibiades entered seven chariots in 416 BC, and took three of the first four places.

In AD 67 Nero made a travesty of the Olympiad by competing personally in a chariot race. He fell from his chariot and did not finish, but was nevertheless declared the winner. Whatever else happens in Atlanta, President Clinton will not have that to worry about.

Birthdays today

Mr Marcus Agius, banker, 50; Mr Peter Allen, former senior partner, Coopers & Lybrand, 58; Mr Harry Barnes, MP, 60; Dr Sir Reginald Bennett, former MP, 85; Mr Willem Dafoe, actor, 41; Mr Jetmund Engeset, Surgeon to the Queen in Scotland, 58; Miss Julia Farron, a former director, Royal Academy of Dancing, 74; Mr Bryan Forbes, film director and producer, 70; Mr Justice Garland, 67; Mr Danny Glover, actor, 49; Lady Grimthorpe, Lady of the Bedchamber to Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, 71; Mr Jimmy Hill, sports commentator, 68; General Sir Charles Huxtable, 66; Mrs J.A.G. Kennedy, civil engineer, 46; Miss Bonnie Langford, actress, 32; Professor Sir Ronald Mason, chemist, 66; Mr Terence Stamp, actor and director, 58; Mr Anthony Steen, MP, 57; Mrs Alison Willcocks, Head, Bedales School, 44; Mrs Diane Yeo, a former charity commissioner, 51.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, as patron, will give a reception for the London Federation of Clubs for Young People at Buckingham Palace at 6.00; and will attend a dinner at Lancaster House at 7.40.

Princess Alexandra will atend the St Dunstan's reception at Winfield House, Regent's Park at 6.15.

Dinner

Arundells Society
The Sarum, Sir Edward Heath, KG, MP, and Close of the Arundells Society dined last night at Stocks Farm, the New Forest. Mr Sebastian Chamberlain presided.

Church news

Canon Paul Allton, Team Rector, Keynsham (Bath and Wells): to be Team Rector, Gaywood (Norwich).

The Rev James Baker, Team Rector, Whitehaven: to be also Rural Dean of Calder (Carlisle).

The Rev Peter Baldwin, Rector, Great Aycliffe Team Ministry: to be also Rural Dean of Sedgefield (Durham).

The Rev Frank Blanchard, formerly Rector, Stockton-on-the-Forest w Holtby and Warthill (York), and now retired: to be Assistant Priest (NSM), Bridekirk (Carlisle).

Marriages

Lord Haslam and the Hon Mrs Michael Sieff
The marriage took place on Saturday, July 20, in the Chapel of St Mary Undercroft, Palace of Westminster, between Lord Haslam and the Hon Mrs Michael Sieff.

Mr R.A. Asquith and Miss A.C.M. Neal
The marriage took place on Wednesday, July 17, at St George's, Hanover Square, London, W1, of Mr Rupert Asquith, son of the late the Hon Paul Asquith and of the Hon Mrs Asquith, to Miss Alexandra Neal, daughter of Mr and Mrs Morton Neal. The Rev William Atkins officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Harriet Asquith, Louisa and Alexander Cottrell, Kate and Freddy Macnamara, Harry and Jemima Neal, Eve and William Ryle-Hodges, and Vanessa Troop. Mr Jonathan Asquith was best man.

A reception was held at Claridge's and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr D.R.P. Little and Miss M.R. Kitson
The marriage took place on Saturday at St Paul's, Yelverton, Devon, of Mr Rupert Little, son of Mr and Mrs David Little, to Miss Chiggy Kitson, daughter of Sir Frank and Lady Kitson. The Rev Richard Tebbs officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Harry Denniston and William Combes. Mr David Brounger was best man.

The honeymoon will be spent in India.

Dr A.T. Abouharb and Dr S.J. Hanger
The marriage took place between Dr Susan Hanger and Dr Tareq Abouharb on Saturday, July 20, in Much Hadham, Hertfordshire.

Mr D.R. Cope and Ms J.C. Swinburne
The marriage has taken place in London of David Cope and Caroline, elder daughter of Professor Richard and Mrs Monica Swinburne. A service of blessing was held on Friday, July 19, at Holy Trinity Church, Kensington, at which Father Pierre Dil, Dean of the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Lusaka, Zambia, officiated.

Mr H.J. Cubitt and Miss O.V. Longfield
The marriage took place on Saturday at St Lawrence Church, Weston Patrick, Hampshire, of Mr Hugo Cubitt, son of the late Mr Robin Cubitt and of Mrs John Wauchope, to Miss Onnalee Longfield, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Longfield. The Rev John Jenkyns officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Flora Huddart, Olivia Sanders, Joshua Flower, Alexander Kelly and Emilian Hoet. Mr David Cubitt was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon is being spent in the Far East.

Mr A.J. March and Miss J.S. Brereton
The marriage took place on Saturday, July 20, 1996, at St Andrews Church, Northborough, between Mr Allan John March, son of Mrs Freda Wootten and Mr John Anthony March, and Miss Janine Sandra Brereton, daughter of Mr and Mrs Antony Johnson.

A reception was held at The Swallow Hotel, Peterborough.

Mr A.S.J. Moorhouse and Miss A.L. Suckling
The marriage took place on Saturday, at Chelsea Old Church, of Mr Adam Moorhouse, son of Mr and Mrs Timothy Moorhouse, of Leigh, Surrey, to Miss Amanda Suckling, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs David Suckling, of Chelsea. The Rev Dr Peter Elvy officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Mrs Simon Levy and Charlotte Suckling. Mr Andrew West was best man.

A reception was held at Seaford House, Belgrave Square, and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Mr H.D.G. Oulton and Miss C.M. Miller Smith
The marriage took place on Saturday, July 20, at Terpersie Castle, Alford, Aberdeenshire, by the Rev Richard Fraser, of Mr Harry Oulton, son of Sir Derek Oulton, QC, and the late Lady Oulton, to Miss Caroline Miller Smith, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Miller Smith.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Fiona Miller Smith and by Anastasia and Millicent Fawcett. Mr Jason Bell was best man, assisted by Maxwell Hofmann.

The reception was held at Terpersie.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.S.M. Beckwith-Smith and Miss C.A. Alers-Hankey
The engagement is announced between John, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Beckwith-Smith, of Maybanks, Rudgwick, and Katie, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Andrew Alers-Hankey, of Bedford Park, London.

Mr A.E. Cornell and Miss C.A. Wilkinson
The engagement is announced between Austen, younger son of Mr and Mrs Andrew Cornell, of Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, and Caroline, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Wilkinson, of Menston, West Yorkshire.

Mr M.A. Renny and Miss K.M.StJ. Channon
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs Ian Renny, of Oxenton, Gloucestershire, and Matilda, daughter of Captain and Mrs Richard Channon, of Stoke-by-Nayland, Suffolk.

Mr J.C. Smart and Miss J.M. Griffiths
The engagement is announced between John Charles, son of Mrs Janet Smart, of Theydon Bois, Essex, and the late Mr Geoffrey Smart, and Jennifer Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Griffiths, of Loughton, Essex.

Mr M.A. Vesey and Miss S.L. Mitchell
The engagement is announced between Matthew, only son of Mr and Mrs John Vesey, of Grays, Essex, and Sarah, daughter of Mrs C. Mitchell, of Hornchurch, and Mr L. Mitchell, of Esher, Surrey.

Mr B.G.T. Ward and Miss A.J. Rowe
The engagement is announced between Toby, youngest son of Mr and Mrs John Ward, of Bilting, Kent, and Alison, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs David Rowe, of Whitstable, Kent.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy and Royal Marines
COMMANDER: M A Baker, Portsmouth 4.10.96; C S Hadden, MoD London 23.8.96; D J Hart, Centurion 22.11.96; P Hobson, MoD London 13.12.96; C B Neave, Yeovilton 10.1.97; G P Parker, MoD London 20.12.96; C J Stalt, Neptune 24.1.97.

LOCAL LIEUTENANT-COLONEL: A C Roy, RMR Scotland 7.2.97.

Retirement

COMMANDER: I R Wellesley-Harding 28.9.96.

Royal Air Force
GROUP CAPTAIN: I Evans, MoD 22.7.96; A W Cope, FBEAG High Wycombe, 26.7.96.

WING COMMANDER: A F Dawson, HQ North, 15.7.96; S G Griffiths, Shape 15.7.96; P J Pharaoh, HQ AWC Bentley Priory, 22.7.96, M S Sheard, HQLC Brampton, 22.7.96.

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BIRTHS

BELL - On 18th July 1996, to Penelope (née Woods) and Richard, a son, Philip James Richard, a brother for Robert.

EVANS - On July 15 to Roz (née Ashby) and Huw a daughter (Bronwen Kathleen).

HORNER - On July 19th at Princess Royal Hospital Sussex to Catherine (née Brookes-Smith) and Martin a handsome son Harry Rhys.

VON DER HEYDE - On 13th July to Serena (née Powell - Shedden) and Alex a daughter Eve Eleanor Constance, a sister for Bartholomew.

DEATHS

BEARD - On 18th July 1996 Steyning Beard, T.D. Dearly loved husband of Joanne and devoted father to Annabel and Catherine private cremation. Thanksgiving service in Llanspydd Church Brecon on Tuesday July 30th at 2 pm. No flowers. Donations if desired to Llanspydd Church and care of the elderly Brecon Hospital, c/o Peter Evans FD. Brookfield Groesffordd Brecon, Powys LD3 7SW.

GARNETT - I.G.H., Captain Royal Navy. Peacefully on July 19th in Poole Hospital. Father of David, Robin, Alastair and Richard; brother to Mamie and much loved grandfather. Pops - we will all miss you so much. Now at rest with Barbara. Contact Charles Small & Son F/D tel: (01202) 882372 for details of funeral service and family cremation. Family flowers only please, but donations welcome in his memory to Men of the Trees (Dorset) or the Cancer Research Campaign may be sent c/o Charles Small & Son F/D. 15 West Street, Wimborne, Dorset BH21 1JR.

MEADE - Peacefully at home on 19th July. Lady Elizabeth aged 94 years, widow of Sir Geoffrey Meade. Funeral Service at St James the Great Church, Radley, on Wednesday 24th July at 12 noon followed by private cremation. Much loved by her family and many friends.

PAKENHAM-WALSH - Fay, suddenly at home on 18th July 1996. Widow of Bill, mother of Richard and Sarah. Funeral enquiries to Bracher Brothers Ltd., tel: (01747) 822494.

PEAN - Hester Mary, on 19th July 1996, beloved and loving wife of David, dearly loved mother of Jennifer and Anna, mother-in-law of Jeff and Richard and very dear grandmother of Charles, Sarah, Oliver and Charlie. Private cremation at Chichester. Family flowers only but donations may be sent to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, Freepost NHO 522, Northampton, NN3 6BR.

PRICE - David Arthur died peacefully on 17th July 1996 at Charing Cross Hospital. Beloved husband of Jean and much loved father and grandfather. We will all miss him so very much. Cremation at Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip, on Thursday 25th July at 1.45pm.

RICHARDS - On July 17th 1996 at home Bernard Roland dearly loved husband, father & grandfather. Funeral private. Memorial service at a later date. No flowers please. Donations to Musicians Benevolent Fund c/o AE Thurlow & Son, 1 High Street, Ixworth, Suffolk IP31 2HH.

SIMMONDS - Olive Mary (née Stewart), loved mother of Nigel, Vivienne and Deborah, after a short illness at Salisbury District Hospital, Odstock, on 17th July aged 71 years. Funeral Service 2.30 pm Wednesday 24th July at St Lawrence, Stratford Sub Castle, Salisbury. Family flowers only please but donations if desired to Wiltshire Wildlife Trust c/o I.N. Newman Ltd., F.D., Griffin House, 55 Winchester Street, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP1 1HL.

SUTTON - KEITH F.R.C.O.G. on 18th July 1996 aged 73 after a short illness. Much loved husband of Jean for 52 years, father of Anne, the late Stephen and Mary and grandpa of Ed, Megan and Alix. Formerly senior consultant in Obstetrics and Gynaecology to Rochford and Southend Hospitals. Service of thanksgiving at Rochford Congregational Church on Friday 9th August at 2.30 pm. All enquiries to JW Tate & Son Ltd, 20 North Street, Rochford Essex. 01702 544396.

SWEETNAM - On July 19th Anne Elisabeth (Buff). Funeral Service will take place at St Andrew's Church, Chardstock, nr. Axminster, Devon, on Thursday July 25th at 2 pm followed by private cremation at Taunton Deane.

VERNON - Peacefully on July 19th in his 96 year at his home at Titley, Herefordshire. Richard Leveson Vernon. Formerly of Hilton Hall, Wolverhampton and Keevil, Trowbridge. Funeral at Titley at 2 pm on Friday 26th July.

WATSON - Joan peacefully on 20th July aged 87 at St. Katharine's Wantage. Requiem Mass 11am Thursday 25th July at St Katharine's Ormond Road. No flowers please but donations to St Katharine's appeal fund. Memorial service West Wratting, early September.

WATTS - Leslie Alexander. Suddenly at home on July 17th 1996. Beloved husband of Lexa and much loved father of Candy and Lindsey and loving grandfather to Timothy and Philippa. Funeral Service at The Crematorium Horsham St. Faith Norwich on Thursday 25th July at 2 pm. Flowers to Murrell Cork, Mundesley Road, North Walsham, Norfolk, or donations to The British Heart Foundation.

IN MEMORIAM – PRIVATE

BAILEY - Jonathan BSc RICS On 22/7/83 aged 23. Remembered always.

ECCLES - Jason Michael, died 22nd July 1990 aged 21. So sadly missed and so much loved. God bless my darling. Mummy, Julia, David and family.

FISHER - F.J. Professor Emeritus Economic History. Born July 22nd 1908. Always remembered. Barbara, Teresa and Matthew.

JOHNSON Paul - Barrister-at-law N.E circuit Sheffield. Died suddenly 22nd July 1976 aged 32 years. Always in our thoughts your devoted family Margaret, Elizabeth and Peter.

KING DAVID HOTEL - Jerusalem. In memory of all who were killed fifty years ago today.

TOMIN - It is a year since Lucas Tomin, poet and writer in both English and Czech, died in Prague aged 32. He is painfully missed as son, brother and friend and as a gifted free spirit. May all who knew Lucas share this remembrance.

YATES - Rowland William Peel born 22nd July 1896. R.I.P.

MARRIAGES

PRIORY:FULLER - James Priory to Helen Fuller on Saturday 20th July 1996 at St. Dubricius Church, Porlock. The groom's father presided. Luke 24:36.

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARIES

TALBOT:SARGEAUNT - On July 21st 1936 at St Stephen's, Bournemouth - Patrick to Gwyneth. Now at St Brelade, Jersey, JE3 8BY.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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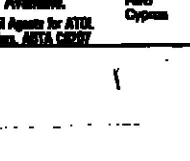

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No. 003733 of 1996
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
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IN THE MATTER OF CENTRAL TRANSPORT RENTAL GROUP PLC
and
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a petition was on 3 July 1996 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of share capital of the Company from £81,191,079.20 to £8,119,107.92 and the cancellation of the amount standing to the credit of the share premium account and capital redemption reserve of the above-named Company.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said petition is directed to be heard before the Registrar of the Companies Court at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on 31 July 1996.

Any creditor or shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of share capital of the Company and the cancellation of the amount standing to the credit of the share premium account and capital redemption reserve of the Company should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

A copy of the said petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the under-mentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

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LEGAL NOTICES

No 003047 of 1996
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
IN THE MATTER OF CENTRAL TRANSPORT RENTAL RAIL LIMITED (FORMERLY TIPHOOK RAIL LIMITED)
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

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Dated 18 July 1996
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Solicitors for the Company

No 003048 of 1996
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
IN THE MATTER OF TIPHOOK RENTALS LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

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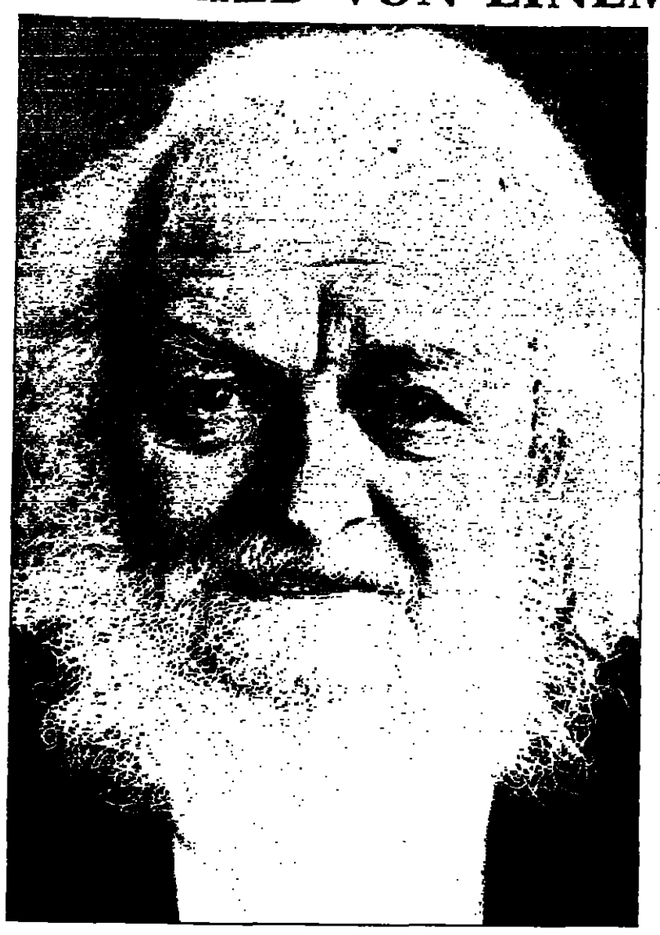
PUBLIC NOTICES

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity: The National Trust Mixed Growth and Income Common Investment Fund
Scheme to ease restrictions on investment of the Fund's assets. Reference DNB-16270-CD(LdB)
The Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this charity. A copy of the draft Scheme can be seen at 36 Queen Anne's Gate, London SW1H 9AS, or can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Alban's House, 57/60 Haymarket, London SW1Y 4QX quoting the above reference. Comments or representations can be made within one month from today.

OBITUARIES

GOTTFRIED VON EINEM

Gottfried von Einem, Austrian composer, died on July 12 aged 78. He was born on January 24, 1918.



THE music of Gottfried von Einem spanned not only the better part of a century but also the better part of the century's European musical trends. He varied his compositional style according to the brief he set himself. His open-mindedness, his willingness to take as much from the rhythmic excitement of jazz and Stravinsky as from the Romantic current of Rachmaninov and Mahler — evident in the 1992 Vienna Philharmonic piece *Fractals* — were the trademarks of his work.

With its clear tonal centres and general approachability, his music risked the accusation of being conservative, reactionary and even anti-intellectual. But his work was marked by a sharp imagination, a desire to communicate, and a craftsmanship that kept it far above the humdrum. And with hindsight, future critics may well believe that his communicability and plurality, principles which Einem passed on to pupils, including H. K. Gruber, were the real marks of his greatness.

Born in Berne, where his father was Austrian military attaché at the embassy, his schooling took place at an institution in Plön that had a reputation for its lively interest in contemporary music and, in particular, for its association with Paul Hindemith.

When he was a young man Einem paid visits to both Salzburg and Bayreuth. For a time in the late 1930s he studied languages in England. In 1938 he was appointed to the coaching staff of the Berlin State Opera, a significant attachment that marked the beginnings of a theatrical involvement he was never to lose. As yet, serious composition had not taken its hold, but that changed when he met Boris Blacher, one of many fine composers proscribed by the Nazis.

Einem went on to study with Blacher in Berlin, where he also established musical friendships with the broad church of composers that included Carl Orff and Werner Egk. Blacher's friendship later led to his writing many librettos for his former pupil. Both men had shown remarkable courage in the face of the Nazis. Einem personally helped many people to escape from Germany: his account of his treatment at the hands of the Gestapo's interrogators made harrowing reading.

The war years saw the premiere of his first significant work, the ballet *Princess Turandot*, performed in 1944 in Dresden, which led to his engagement as resident composer and music adviser for Dresden Staatsoper. Several more ballet scores followed, but it was in the operatic field, particularly with his two earliest operas, that he made his most telling marks.

Dantons Tod, written to a libretto by Blacher after Büchner's play, was the first, staged at the 1947 Salzburg Festival. It earned him an immediate international reputation and, within a year, a place on the board of the Salzburg Festival (this was the first of many influential administrative posts that later included the directorship of the Vienna Festival). *Dantons Tod*, a large, chorus-oriented work, was the right opera at the right time, based on a historical subject, but one which had obvious resonances with post-Nazi Germany.

Einem's second opera, *Der Prozess*, set to another Blacher libretto and this time based on Kafka's *The Trial*, followed in 1953, and was also staged at Salzburg. Though equally pertinent, it was a very different work to *Dantons Tod*, conceived on a claustrophobically intimate scale. And arguably, with its expressionistic, neo-Bergian stance, it is the work most obviously at variance with Einem's instrumental music, pieces like the *Philadelphia* and *Vienna Symphonies* (1960 and 1975), the Concerto for Orchestra (1943), and the Piano Concerto (1955), which all inhabit a fluent, neo-classical, post-Hindemithian sphere.

In the same year as the premiere of *Der Prozess*, Einem moved to Vienna, and subsequently his operas took a less severe turn. The third opera, *Der Zerrissene*, to another libretto by Blacher after Johann von Nestroy's farce — whose music was originally provided by Lortzing — is a brilliant, light-handed, fast moving score, first produced in Hamburg in 1964. Seven years later, in 1971, Einem composed what is generally recognised to be his greatest operatic success, a version of Dürrenmatt's play *Der Besuch der alten Dame*, to Durrenmatt's own libretto.

The work rapidly caught on, and in 1973 an English version was staged at Glyndebourne. The reviews were, on the whole, enthusiastic, although *The Times*'s William Mann remained relatively unimpressed. He disparagingly likened the music to the film scores of the 1940s. Even so *Der Besuch der alten Dame* has remained in the repertoire and New York City Opera has a new production of it scheduled for 1997.

Subsequently Einem's operas gained less enthusiastic responses. *Kabale und Liebe*, again written to a text by Blacher but this time co-authored with Lotte Ingrisch, Einem's second wife, skilfully contracted the 42 scenes of Schiller's original play to just nine. Yet the cost of this was that critical views in the end were that Einem had failed to capture the essential tension of its plot, a love affair destroyed by a conflict of class.

Jesu Hochzeit, performed in 1980, was the first opera for which Ingrisch provided the entire libretto. But it seemed deliberately gauged to court controversy. It featured a pop-singing Mary Magdalene posing the audience religious riddles and a particularly scandalous scene involving an erotic encounter between Jesus, as Life and Love, and the figure of Death. Einem's final two operas, *Prinz Chocolat* (1983) and *Tulifant* (1990), were also to texts by Ingrisch, many of whose poems Einem set as songs.

As well as his second wife, Einem leaves a son by his first marriage. This son is Austria's Minister for Internal Affairs.

ABBOT LEO AVERY

Leo Avery, Abbot of Quarr, 1992-96, died of a brain tumour on July 4 aged 58. He was born on January 5, 1938.

ABBOT LEO AVERY combined a warmth and gentleness of character with a down-to-earth practicality and a contemplative and scholarly nature. As a member of the community at Quarr Abbey, in the Isle of Wight, he followed the Rule of St Benedict which brings together the purity of idealism and a practical wisdom. Through his knowledge of ancient Hebrew and Greek he acquired a deep understanding of the Old and the New Testaments and his spiritual counsel was greatly respected both by members of his community and by those who came to the abbey for private retreat. On the other hand, having come to the monastic life from a background in aeronautical engineering, he had a sound practical ability which he put to valuable use, not least when structural problems were found in the abbey church.

Quarr Abbey — whose name originates from the word "quarry" — was founded in 1132. The ruins of the original buildings now form part of the monastery's estate, but the abbey as it stands today was built in the early 20th century as a temporary home for the exiled French community of Solesmes. When they returned to France in 1922, a group of monks was left as a nucleus for what has now grown into a mainly English community. Today it comprises 20 monks, although, as in most religious orders, numbers are slowly dwindling.

Avery was the third Abbot of this community since 1937 when Quarr was raised to the status of an abbey. But his abbacy was lamentably short. His two predecessors served for 28 years apiece, while Abbot Leo Avery served for only four years before contracting the malignant tumour of the brain which killed him.

Leo Avery was born in Wakefield, the second of five children of a Roman Catholic family, but when he was still very young his family moved to Maidstone where his father worked in local government. He was educated at Maidstone Grammar School.

He loved flying and hoped to join the RAF but, not meeting the exacting physical standards required for a pilot, he decided instead to study aeronautical engineering at the University of Southampton. His study was part of a Vickers-Armstrong apprenticeship and while there he worked on the design of the VC10.

It was during his time as a student that he first went on retreat to Quarr Abbey. He was strongly attracted to its contemplative atmosphere and after his graduation he decided to join the community as a postulant. He took his temporary vows after two years, and then three years later, in 1965, his final vows. In 1969 he was ordained as a priest.

In that same year he left to live in Rome where he studied at the Benedictine College of Sant Anselmo. He also attended courses at the Pontifical Biblical Institute from which he graduated as a Licentiate in Sacred Scripture.

On his return to Quarr in 1973 one of his important tasks was the teaching of scripture to the young monks. He lived the daily life of a Benedictine monk, built around the framework of the Divine Office, prayer recited in the ancient Gregorian chant six times a day, beginning with Vigils at 5.30am and ending with Compline at 8.30pm. But he also proved himself of particular use to his community on a practical level and, with his engineering training, was relied upon for the maintenance and repair of all kinds of equipment, both within the building and outside on the abbey farm. He was invaluable when it came to collecting, analysing and interpreting data concerned with structural problems in the monastery's church.

For some time he was responsible for financial administration and for the monastery kitchens. He also served as Prior — principal assistant to the Abbot — for 12 years. In 1987 he was made guestmaster for five years, a post which necessitated caring for the retreatants who visited the abbey. Though Quarr has no school or parish attached to it, he made many friends among the people who live near by. He was increasingly in demand as a preacher.

In 1992 Dom Leo was elected by his community as Abbot. Weighty responsibilities came with this post, but it also provided him with the stimulus he needed to increase his powers of communication. He was much loved in his community for the gentle warmth of his nature. It was only in spring this year that he began to show signs of his final illness.

PROFESSOR NORMAN ALDRIDGE

Professor Norman Aldridge, OBE, biochemical toxicologist, died in Winchester, on June 30 aged 76. He was born in Nuneaton on November 22, 1919.

NORMAN ALDRIDGE was fascinated by the interaction of chemicals with living organisms. He rose from employment as a junior laboratory technician in a dye works at the age of 17 to become one of the world's most widely regarded toxicologists. His book *Mechanisms and Concepts in Toxicology*, published this year, is far removed from the descriptive compendia beloved by forensic and regulatory authorities. He believed that understanding how and why measured doses of chemicals exert their toxic effect was fundamental to safety planning as well as to an evaluation of the risks and benefits of using chemicals in industry, food preservation, agriculture or medicine.

Wilfred Norman Aldridge was drafted for wartime service to Porton Down, where many of the finest medical researchers were applying themselves to practical problems of protection against chemical warfare agents. He proved himself a careful laboratory investigator studying out-of-hours to obtain a London University external degree in chemistry and physiology in 1946.

In that same year he was the first non-medical scientist recruited by Dr John Barnes, the director of the new Toxicology Unit of the Medical Research Council. The remit was to "do something" to help face health problems which might occur as the chemical industry burgeoned.

Aldridge gained a PhD in biochemistry in 1952 and continued with the unit at Carshalton, Surrey, until his retirement in 1975. By this time he had been head of the biochemical mechanisms section for 20 years and deputy director for ten. His abilities attracted several eminent scientists and research trainees to the laboratory, both from Britain and abroad. He gave his time generously in one-to-one discussions of experimental work, inspiring careful investigation and rigorous thought among his students.

The inter-play between practical problems and fundamental mechanisms of biochemistry was illustrated by the wide range of topics broached by Aldridge during his career. His ideas were sparked off by his own foresight of potential hazards, by reported observations of unexpected effects in routine screening by manufacturers, by inquiries from physicians and vets and, occasionally, by accidents.

One example was the poisoning of more than 100 people in the mid-1950s by an organic tin compound which had been substituted for the innocuous, but probably ineffective, tin oxide as a treatment for boils. From that event research developed leading, over many years, to wider understanding of the processes of oxidative phosphorylation which generate and conserve body energy.

Aldridge believed that toxic chemicals were the dissecting-tools of the physiologist. During his career he contributed to the understanding of processes vital to the health of liver, lung, kidney and nervous system. His advice was sought increasingly by authorities worldwide. His input into immediate and long term responses to chemical accidents was calm, thoughtful and incisive.

Problems from contaminated cooking oils in Morocco (1959-60) and seed grain in Iraq (1973), the toxic oil epidemic in Spain (1981), the pesticide factory explosion in Bhopal, India (1986), and the inquiries into possible effects of Agent Orange in Vietnam all received close attention.

In 1975 Aldridge became director of a World Health Organisation collaborating laboratory. He was associated with the Toxicology Unit. Very soon a problem arose threatening attempts to foster alternative insecticides to DDT which were effective against malarial mosquitoes yet safe enough to be sprayed inside village huts.

Malathion had been a useful pest-control agent throughout the life of the original patent. However, by 1976, alternative formulations had been marketed. Some of these, when stored in hot, humid conditions in Pakistan, deteriorated and became so toxic that 2,700 spray-workers became ill and five died.

Aldridge showed that one decomposition product was responsible for inhibiting human enzymes which would normally detoxify malathion if it penetrated the skin. It was then possible to monitor revised formulations which would restore malathion to a useful place in pest control.

Aldridge was founder chairman of the British Toxicology Society (1979-80) and secretary-general of the International Union of Toxicology (1983-86). He was appointed OBE in 1977 and honoured with several academic and professional awards in Europe, Asia and America.

His ability lead to visiting staff appointments in several universities, not only in Britain but also in America and Europe. He contributed greatly to the establishment of postgraduate teaching courses at the University of Surrey and at Trondheim University in Norway.

In his retirement, he was Professor of Biochemical Toxicology at Surrey and continued editorial work for international research journals. Aldridge persisted in labwork throughout his career and revelled in data which did not quite fit a current view. "Anomalous data leads to advances in understanding", was his favourite tenet. He enlivened group discussions by his friendly manner coupled with probing questions and suggestions as to how to disprove and discard facile explanations which obscured truer ones. The one word "why?" from him was known to halt many high-flown presentations.

Aldridge and his wife of nearly 50 years, Kathleen, shared an enjoyment of gardening and travel. He is survived by her and by their son and two daughters.

TIMOTHY JONES

Timothy Jones, stockbroker, died of cancer on July 6 aged 64. He was born on July 15, 1931.

TIMOTHY JONES enjoyed a distinguished and successful city career. He joined the leading firm of stockjobbers Akroyd & Smithers in 1957 and, with typical loyalty, remained with them for almost thirty years. Most of his career was spent on the trading floor of the Stock Exchange where he specialised in Government Securities. In 1981 he was made joint chairman of his firm and five years later was one of the leading figures in successfully concluding a merger with S. G. Warburg, Rowe & Pitman and Mullens & Co. This was considered one of the most successful "big bang" mergers from which the S. G. Warburg Group was later formed.

Having done his national service in the Rifle Brigade, Timothy Fraser Jones graduated from St John's College, Cambridge, and joined the stockbrokers Buckmaster and Moore in 1954. Three years later he joined Akroyd & Smithers and in 1963 was made a partner. A skilled reader of markets he was a committed bear during the dramatic stockmarket setbacks of the 1970s. Akroyd & Smithers was floated on the Stock Exchange in 1975, and in 1981 Jones was appointed joint chairman with Brian Peppiatt. He retired from the City in 1986.

Outside his work he devoted much of his time to East Sussex where he lived. He was appointed High Sheriff in 1987 and, during his year of office, directed his attention to a wide variety of causes, from spiritual and physical healing at Burswood to the National Trust. In 1992 he was made Vice Lord Lieutenant. Among many other positions, he was also a chairman of the trustees of Gyndebourne Estates and a trustee of Chichester Cathedral.

An appreciator of the finer things in life, he had a passion for wine. It was reputed that during his time as a stockjobber he would balance his book by taking on a stock of first growth clarets. Guests to his home would be treated to comparative tastings of the finest vintages and it is said that once, when a technical fault developed on a plane and he was forced to exit down the escape chute, he slid to safety with a bottle of vintage port still cradled in the horizontal position so that it would not spoil.

It was also Jones who, having met the wine producer Hubert Trimbach from Alsace, introduced him to a London distributor. Trimbach is now one of the most widely known Alsatian wines.

In his spare time Jones was an enthusiastic gardener. When his first garden was destroyed by the 1987 hurricane which landed a neighbouring church spire in the middle of his beds, he and his wife, together with Rosemary Verey with whom they had formed a firm friendship, worked to recreate another fine garden.

To relax Jones and his wife would visit Rome, a city for which they had a great love.

Timothy Jones is survived by his wife Mary, whom he married in 1955, and by two daughters and a son.

The British Academy

The Academy's Officers for 1996-97 are Sir Keith Thomas, President; Professor P. Haggett, Vice-President; Professor M.M. McGowan, Vice-President; Mr J.S. Flemming, Treasurer; Professor B.E. Supple, Foreign Secretary; Professor D.E. Luscombe, Publications Secretary.

The following were elected Fellows of the British Academy at the annual meeting on July 4:

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Professor B.J. Pimlott (Birkbeck College), political studies; Dr C.A.J. Prendergast (Cambridge University), French literature; Dr A. Pyman (Durham University), Russian literature; Professor N.G. Round (Sheffield University), Spanish literature; Professor P. Sims-Williams (University of Wales Aberystwyth), Celtic studies; Professor R. Sugden (University of East Anglia), economics; Professor J. Sutton (LSE), economics; Professor M.W. Thomas (University of Wales Swansea), literature; Dr D.J. Thompson (Cambridge University), classics; Professor J.C. Wells (University College London), phonetics; Dr K.E. Wrightson (Cambridge University), history; Dr J. Wymer, archaeology.

The following were elected Senior Fellows of the British Academy:

Professor D.K. Fieldhouse (formerly Cambridge University), history; Professor D.N. MacKenzie (formerly University of Gottingen), linguistics.

The following were elected Corresponding Fellows of the British Academy:

Professor M. Bietak (Austria), archaeology; Professor R. Chartier (France), bibliography; Dr H.G. Fischer (USA), Egyptology; Professor J.G. Fleming (USA), law; Professor E. Foner (USA), history; Professor J. Gernet (France), sinology; Professor C. Habicht (USA), classics; Professor Dr B. Heine (Germany), linguistics; Professor S. Hoffmann (USA), international relations; Professor R. Horton (Nigeria), social anthropology; Professor R. Koselleck (Germany), history; Professor L. Ledderose (Germany), history of art; Professor J Neubauer (The Netherlands), comparative literature; Professor D.C. North (USA), economics; Professor R. Nozick (USA), philosophy; Professor H. Wolfram (Austria), history.

The following medals and prizes were awarded:

Burkitt Medal for Biblical Study: Professor Dr Eduard Schweizer, Emeritus Professor of New Testament Studies, University of Zurich.

Derek Allen Prize (in numismatics): Dr J.P.C Kent, FBA, formerly Keeper, Department of Coins and Medals, British Museum.

Rose Mary Crawshay Prizes: (1) Dr Kate Flint, Linacre College, Oxford, for *The Woman Reader 1837-1914* (OUP, 1993); (2) Dr Ruth Smith, Cambridge University Careers Service, for *Handel's Oratorios and Eighteenth Century Thought* (CUP, 1995)

Serena Medal for Italian Studies: Professor Giovanni Aquilecchia, Department of Italian, University College London.

ON THIS DAY

July 22, 1815

On June 22 the Emperor abdicated; he retreated to Rochefort from where he hoped to escape to America; but the English blockade prevented his flight, and when the French gave him 24 hours to leave the country he had no alternative but to surrender to the British.

Napoleon Surrenders.

(From the *Moniteur*)

PARIS, July 17.

Measures had been taken to prevent the escape of Napoleon Buonaparte: it will be seen by the following extract of a letter from the Maritime Prefect of Rochefort to the Minister of the Marine, that the result has been such as there was reason to expect.

Rochefort, July 15, ten o'clock at night.

To execute the orders of your Excellency, I embarked in my boat, accompanied by Baron Richard, Prefect of Charente-Inferieure. The reports from the Roads, of the 14th, had not yet reached me: I was informed by Captain Phillibert, commander of the *Amphytrite* frigate, that Buonaparte had embarked on board the brig *Epervier*, armed as a flag of truce, determined to surrender himself to the English cruisers.

"In fact, at break of day we saw him manoeuvre to approach the English ship *Bellerophon*, commanded by Captain Maitland, who seeing that Buonaparte was coming towards him, mounted a white flag at the mizen-mast. Buonaparte was received on board the English vessel, as also the persons in his suite: the officer whom I left in observation had informed me of this important news, when General Beker, who arrived a few moments afterwards, confirmed it to me.

(Signed) Bonnefoux,
Captain of a vessel, Maritime Prefect.

(From the *Gazette de France*.)

Letters from Rochefort, dated the 12th, transmit to us the following details, which we have every reason to credit:

Since the early part of the month, eleven English ships have been blockading the port of Rochefort so closely that it would be difficult for even the smallest vessel to escape them. In order himself to reconnoitre the dispositions made by the English squadron, Napoleon, on the 8th, went on board the *Saale*, one of the two frigates which were to convey him to North America. Next day he sent General Bertrand in a boat on board the English Admiral's ship, for the purpose of asking from the Commandant a free passage for his two frigates; but the latter replied, that he would immediately attack these two vessels as soon as they should endeavour to get out. He added, however, that if Napoleon chose to come on board him, he would receive him with every attention; would answer for his person; would convey him to England; and did not doubt that the British Government would then cause him to be conveyed wherever he (Napoleon) should testify a wish to go.

Though this answer did not appear to square with the plans of the Ex-emperor, he immediately declared that he should prefer before every thing else throwing himself on the honour of the English; that besides, he did not wish to risk the lives of the crew of the two frigates. Shortly after, with a few officers, he went off in a flag of truce, and went on board the Admiral's ship. Since then he has not been seen to return. We know only that the vessel was to set sail on the 12th; and accordingly it was no longer visible at daybreak this morning. Joseph Buonaparte had not left Rochefort on the morning of the 12th.

THE TIMES TODAY

NEWS

Spain fears summer of violence

■ Tourist chiefs are preparing to fly to Spain today for an urgent review of security. Last night police discovered a bomb in an hotel at Salou, hours after 24 British tourists were injured — three seriously — in an explosion in a crowded airport lounge at Reus, near Tarragona, south of Barcelona.

It was the fourth terrorist device to have either been exploded or found within 24 hours, provoking fears that Eta, the Basque separatist movement, is mounting a determined bombing campaign aimed at Spain's huge tourism industry. Pages 1, 2

French scale down hunt for girl's killer

■ French police scaled down the hunt for the killer of Caroline Dickinson, the 13-year old British girl raped and murdered at a youth hostel in Brittany. Reports that an arrest was imminent were denied Pages 1, 3

Secretive club

The Tory party was under attack over a secretive fund-raising club whose members pay between £10,000 and £100,000 a year for the privilege of dining with the Prime Minister and members of the Cabinet Page 1

References rule

Universities have been warned that a European Union directive will deprive them of the confidential references on which they rely to pitch their offers of places to students Page 1

Seaside rush

Fine weather coupled with the first weekend of the school summer holidays brought a rush to the seaside as temperatures reached 31C (88F) Page 1

Thirsty work

The growing university population is spending more of its loans and grants in the campus bar, a survey disclosed. Student unions took £44 million across the pumps last year Page 3

Treasury inquiry

Treasury officials will begin an inquiry after it emerged a leaked radical strategy document's author was seeking the nomination for a safe Labour seat Page 4

Mosquito crash

A chapter of aviation history ended when the last airworthy Second World War Mosquito fighter-bomber crashed Page 5

Judges on line

Judges from the Court of Appeal down have set up their own mini-Internet as part of the £1.7 million Project Judith in which more than 360 of them have been supplied with computers Page 8

Anthrax fear

Fears an outbreak of anthrax may be caused by spores that have lain dormant for decades in soil is delaying a big Wiltshire housing development Page 9

Chechenia option

The latest brutal Russian assault on Southern Chechenia may be a prelude to an "Afghan option" in which Moscow pulls out most of its troops, leaving a well-armed local government to cope alone Page 10

Karadzic denial

The arrest of their leader, Radovan Karadzic, would not provoke a violent reaction among his people, the Bosnian Serb army said Page 11

Tamil victims

The Tamil Tigers have killed hundreds of Sri Lankan troops in four of the bloodiest days of fighting in the 13-year separatist uprising Page 12

Dole 'fit for office'

Bob Dole, 73 today, sought to head off concerns about his age by disclosing medical records showing him to be in excellent health Page 13

Baltic yields 16th-century treasures

■ Armaments and artefacts belonging to the first King of Sweden have been found in a Baltic shipwreck. Experts believe the find includes the biggest and best-preserved range of early 16th-century naval cannon and guns yet seen, while the vessel appears to be a rare early example of a technology later used by Henry VIII to build the *Mary Rose* Page 7

JEFF MITCHELL

Forty-nine Irish holidaymakers had hospital treatment after their bus was in a collision near Loch Lomond yesterday. Page 5

BUSINESS

Week of protest: The bosses of a range of privatised utilities are facing shareholder questions over executive pay Page 48

Switching on: Pearson, owner of the *Financial Times*, is negotiating an expansion of its TV interests with a deal to buy a stake in Flextech, the cable and satellite company Page 48

Taking flight: After a bumpy take-off the Eurofighter, the four-nation project to build a fighter plane for the next century, seems to have reached clearer skies Page 46

Kicking off: A court case that could block the proposed £16.5 million takeover of Leeds United by the media group that owns the rights to Paddington Bear starts at the High Court today Page 48

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Angels of Albion: The first of an occasional series focuses on new aspects of historical events. The diaries of British women caught up in the 1857 Indian mutiny tell harrowing stories Page 15

New ground: The countryside is adapting to the Nineties. Bright Young Things are packing not only ballgowns and bowties but tents and trainers, too, while in male-dominated field sports one woman hosts shoots Pages 16, 17

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Sacred lake: One of China's most controversial projects, a hydroelectric dam on the shore of Tibet's most sacred lake, Yamdrok Tso, is said to be in trouble. Anjana Ahuja reports Page 14

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Phoenix rising: Hot weather brought 30,000 people to Long Marston for the Phoenix Festival — but many spent its first eight hours in a traffic jam Page 18

One Mo' time: Keb' Mo', playing the Delta blues with absolute authority, turned the Queen Elizabeth Hall into an intimate folk club with his show last week Page 18

First Proms: A grandiose performance of Verdi's opera *Don Carlos*, and a stylish interpretation of Haydn's oratorio *The Creation*, launched the 1996 Proms season at the Albert Hall Page 19

Bacharach musical: Kate Bassett on *Promises, Promises*, a Burt Bacharach/Neil Simon musical that has been revived in London on a shoestring Page 19

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Golf: Tom Lehman, of United States, won the Open Championship at Royal Lytham and St Annes, with a 13-under-par total of 271. Nick Faldo, of Britain, finished fourth Pages 25, 26, 27

Olympic Games: After her gold medal triumph in the 400 metres swimming medley, Michelle Smith of Ireland is favoured to collect more gold Pages 28, 29, 30, 31

Cricket: Simon Brown, the Durham fast bowler, has won a surprise call-up into England's squad for the first Test match against Pakistan Pages 32, 33, 34

Cycling: Bjarne Riis, of Denmark, won the Tour de France Page 35

Motorcycling: Michael Doohan, the world champion from Australia, won the British 500cc Grand Prix at Donington Park Page 38

Rugby union: The New Zealand All Blacks beat South Africa in the tri-nations tournament Page 41

Racing: Shaamit, the Derby winner, impressed in his final workout in preparation for the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot Page 37

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6, 14, 20, 25, 34, 44. Bonus 45.
Seven winners share this week's £9.9 million jackpot, getting £1,426,747 each. Nineteen people win £161,736 each for five balls and the bonus; 1,077 with five numbers win £1,783; 59,971 with four win £70

TV LISTINGS

Preview: Burying a child can be devastating but for one grandmother it meant bringing up three small boys. *The Day That Changed My Life* (BBC2, 7.30pm) **Review:** *Superman* has left Lois for a new life. Matthew Bond on a series that cut one corner too many Page 47

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Terror in Tarragona

Eta no longer has a cause and the Basques know it. In modern, democratic Spain, its nationalist pretensions are as absurd as its methods are outrageous Page 21

Firefights and fireflies

Mr Blair has shown he can turn internal dissent to electoral advantage. Every quarrel reminds some people that "old Labour" still has deep roots; but to many more, it demonstrates how hard he is driving the engine of reform Page 21

Everyman's feast

Creation and rebirth is the theme chosen this year for the Proms to unite the 72 concerts that make up the greatest music festival on earth Page 21

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PETER RIDDELL

The next election will be won by the party which looks and behaves more like a government than an opposition Page 20

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Chris Patten wants to endorse Hong Kong competitive values for Britain while taking Britain to the "heart of Europe". Sir James Goldsmith believes in European protectionism, but not in a single European government. Both stand like flamingos with one foot in the truth and the other in mid-air Page 20

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Gottfried von Einem, Austrian composer; **Abbot Leo Avery**, Abbot of Quarr; **Professor Norman Aldridge**, toxicologist Page 23

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America will probably give the go-ahead to abortions using the pill RU-486. It is to be hoped the decision is echoed in Italy where women continue to die after clandestine abortions — *La Repubblica* (Rome)

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IN THE TIMES

■ **WOMAD FESTIVAL**
The world comes to Reading with the Afro-Celt Sound System, left, leading festivities

■ **LAW**
Will Lord Woolf's plans for a shake-up of civil justice lead to a better system?

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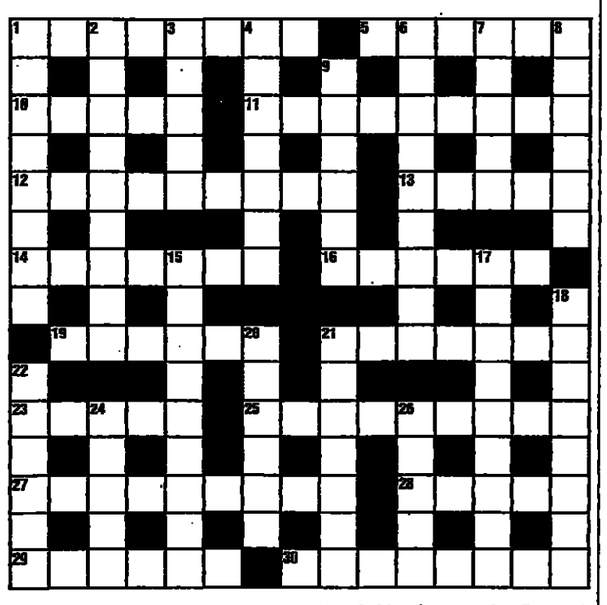

ACROSS

1 Second thoughts about soldiers producing weapons (4-4).
5 Sort of pine furniture for child in school (6).
10 Quilt belonging to the French surgeon (5).
11 Sleepy men lost on manoeuvres (9).
12 Capacity to endure permitted variation (9).
13 Edge displayed by Liberal in party (5).
14 With expedition, against replacing leader — flatly (7).
16 Female clothing being worn by fierce woman (6).
19 Knight leaving Lancashire town at high speed (6).
21 Indecisive article in journal replaced by another (7).
23 Council member's man leaves to identify tree (5).
25 Queen's taken on maid, unusually clever, like Crichton (9).
27 A break after union negotiation? (9).
28 Took a picture this mammal appears in (5).
29 Sound quality of wood with end turned over (6).
30 Upheld action, securing fine goal (8).

DOWN

1 Tranquillizer used in extremely severe case (8).
2 The photographer's solution? He improves his property (9).
3 Expert's miles out, identifying plant (5).
4 Girl embracing boy in secretive activity (7).
6 Roll made from corn, as it's being cooked (9).
7 Fashion often followed by setter? (5).
8 Dislike of headgear like the cardinal's (6).
9 Threaten little devil with death (6).
15 One eradicating wild reeds around Helen's place (9).
17 Position of chairperson, in the main (9).
18 His display seems instrumental in attracting a mate (4-4).
20 Speaker in chapel reaching no conclusion (6).
21 Trendy idea initially accepted by head teacher (7).
22 Repack a chest or small bag (6).
24 Cotton fabric dug out, turned over (5).
26 River horse, by the sound of it (5).

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 5.10 am — Sun sets: 9.03 pm
Moon sets: 11.38 pm — Moon rises: 12.23 pm
First quarter tomorrow
London 9.03 pm to 5.12 am
Bristol 9.13 pm to 5.22 am
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FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales will have another fine and sunny day. There will be some hot temperatures inland.

Eastern and southern Scotland should start the day dry and mainly bright. Thicker cloud with rain will, however, already be affecting Northern Ireland and the rest of Scotland. This will spread across to all parts by late afternoon, with drier conditions spreading to northwest Scotland.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, E England, W Midlands, SW England, S Wales, Central N, NE England:** dry, mostly hot and sunny. Wind light to moderate south to southeasterly. Max 30C (86F).

☐ **Channel Isles:** dry, warm and sunny. Scattered thundery showers may develop. Wind light and variable mainly southeasterly. Max 27C (81F).

☐ **N Wales, NW England, Lake District:** dry, very warm and sunny. Risk of scattered showers in evening. Wind light to moderate, mainly southerly. Max temp 28C (82).

☐ **Isle of Man, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, S W Scotland:** dry and bright at first, becoming cloudy with showery bursts of rain later. Wind light to moderate southerly. Max 23C (73F).

☐ **Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, N E Scotland, Argyll, Orkney, Shetland, N Ireland:** cloudy with showery bursts of rain, which may be heavy and prolonged. Gradually becoming drier from the west. Wind light to moderate mainly southerly. Max 21C (70F).

☐ **NW Scotland:** cloudy with showery rain becoming drier. Wind light southerly becoming westerly. Max 18C (64F).

☐ **Outlook:** scattered thundery showers at first, becoming fresher, but rain later in north.

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F		Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F
Scarboro'	7.4	-	21	70s	Exmouth	13.3	-	19	66s
Cleethorpes	X				Teignmouth	13.3	-	19	66s
Skegness	11.9	-	18	64s	Torquay	13.9	-	22	72s
Hunstanton	12.7	-	22	72s	Salcombe	13.5	-	20	68s
Cromer	9.6	-	19	66s	Falmouth	12.0	-	18	64s
Lowestoft	9.6	-	19	66s	Penzance	X	-	21	70s
Clacton	X				Jersey	14.0	-	25	77s
Southend	X	-	18	64s	Guernsey	X			
Margate	9.4	-	19	66s	Newquay	13.5	-	24	75s
Herne Bay	11.3	-	20	68s	Saunin Snd	11.7	-	27	81s
Folkestone	14.5	-	18	64s	Ilfracombe	X			
Hastings	12.7	-	19	66s	Minehead	12.9	-	26	79s
Eastbourne	11.0	-	19	66s	Weston-s-mare	12.5	-	27	81s
Hove	12.0	-	19	66s	Southport	10.4	-	25	77s
Littlehmptn	12.9	-	19	66s	Morecambe	9.6	-	23	73s
Bognor R	13.1	-	20	68s	Isle of Man	10.3	0.01	21	70s
Hayling I.	12.3	-	20	68s	Aspatria	6.9	0.01	24	75r
Southsea	11.8	-	19	66s	Birmingham	10.8	-	27	81s
Ryde	13.2	-	20	68s	Bristol	9.6	-	27	81s
Sandown	11.5	-	19	66s	Buxton	7.9	-	23	73s
Shanklin	11.7	-	19	66s	Leeds	8.3	-	26	79s
Ventnor	12.9	-	20	68s	London	11.4	-	24	75s
Bournem'th	12.2	-	20	68s	Manchester	8.3	0.01	26	79s
Poole	12.3	-	22	72s	Newcastle	6.3	-	25	77s
Swanage	12.3	-	18	64s	Oxford	13.1	-	27	81s
Weymouth	12.2	-	19	66s					

ABROAD

Ajaccio	27	81	f	C'phagn	18	64	c	Malaga	29	84	s
Akrotiri	27	81	s	Dubrovnik	26	79	s	Malta	30	86	s
Alex'dria	29	84	f	Faro	29	84	s	Melb'rne	14	57	f
Algiers	29	84	s	Florence	29	84	f	Mexico C	20	68	f
Amst'dm	20	68	s	Frankfurt	21	70	f	Miami	32	90	s
Athens	32	90	s	Funchal	22	72	s	Milan	28	82	s
B Aires	18	64	s	Geneva	23	73	s	Montreal	22	72	fg
Bahrain	41	106	s	Gibraltar	24	75	s	Moscow	20	68	f
Bangkok	33	91	f	Helsinki	14	57	f	Munich	18	64	f
Barbados	29	84	f	Hong K	29	84	f	N Delhi	34	93	f
Barcelona	28	82	s	Innsbruck	22	72	f	N York	29	84	s
Beirut	29	84	s	Istanbul	27	81	s	Nairobi	19	66	s
Belgrade	19	66	f	Jeddah	41	106	s	Naples	29	84	f
Berlin	16	61	c	Jersey	24	75	s	Nice	26	79	s
Bermuda	26	79	f	Jo'burg	13	55	f	Oslo	22	72	s
Biarritz	24	75	s	Karachi	X			Paris	24	75	s
Borde'x	29	84	s	L Angeles	23	73	s	Peking	30	86	f
Brussels	19	66	f	L Palmas	26	79	s	Perth	16	61	c
Budapest	19	66	f	Le Tquet	21	70	s	Prague	16	61	f
Cairo	31	88	s	Lisbon	31	88	s	Reykjavik	10	50	c
Cape Tn	16	61	s	Locarno	25	77	s	Rhodes	28	82	s
Ch'church	9	48	-	Luxembg	22	72	s	Rio de J	20	68	f
Chicago	21	70	f	Luxor	40	104	s	Riyadh	41	106	s
Cologne	20	68	s	Madrid	35	95	s	Rome	27	81	s
Corfu	28	82	s	Majorca	28	82	s	S Fr'isco	22	72	s

S Paulo	22	72	s	Salzburg	19	66	s	Santiago	17	63	s
Seoul	31	88	f	Sing'por	31	88	f	Stockholm	18	64	r
Strasb'rg	22	72	s	Sydney	20	68	s	Tangier	33	91	s
Tel Aviv	31	88	f	Tenerife	27	81	s	Tokyo	32	90	s
Toronto	22	72	c	Tunis	33	91	s	Valencia	33	91	s
Vanc'ver	13	55	r	Venice	26	79	s	Vienna	19	66	s
Warsaw	13	55	f	Wash'ton	27	81	r	Wel'ngton	10	50	-
Zurich	21	70	s								

Temperatures at midday on Friday. X = not available

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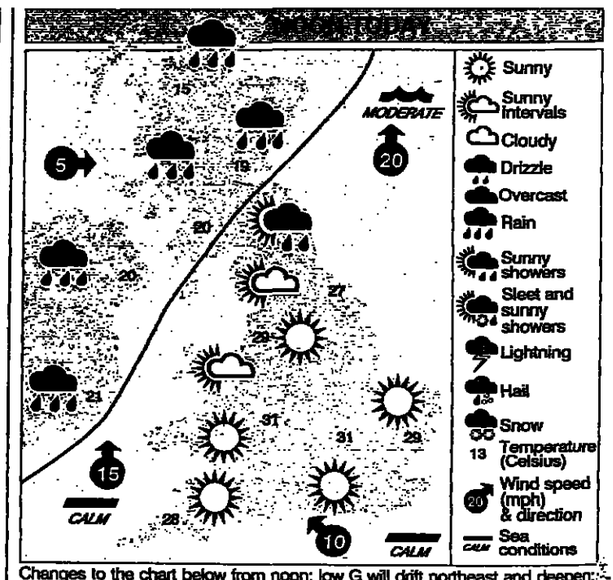

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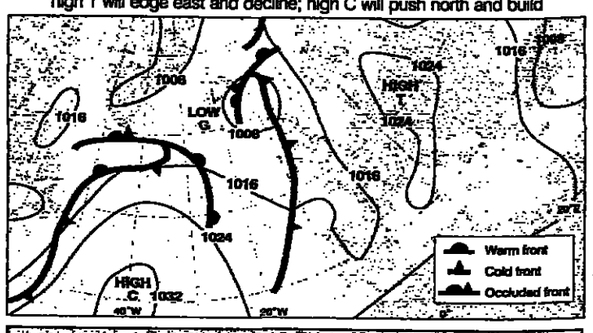

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London Bridge	5:41	6.6	5:47	6.4	Leith	6.33	5.0	7:02	4.9
Aberdeen	5:10	3.8	5:50	3.6	Liverpool	2:49	8.5	3:15	8.2
Avonmouth	10:49	11.4	11:04	11.4	Lowestoft	1:17	2.2	1:16	2.4
Belfast	2:47	3.5	3:15	3.2	Margate	3:34	4.3	3.42	4.4
Cardiff	10:30	10.5	10:50	10.6	Milford Haven	10:00	5.8	10:19	5.9
Devonport	9:28	4.6	9:37	4.8	Newquay	8:55	5.7	9:18	5.7
Dover	2:17	6.1	2:43	6.2	Oban	9:25	3.3	9:33	3.4
Dublin (N Wall)	3:22	3.6	3:51	3.6	Penzance	8:17	4.7	8:36	4.8
Falmouth	8:42	4.4	9:02	4.5	Portland	10:14	1.5	10:18	1.6
Greenock	4:08	3.3	4:53	2.9	Portsmouth	2:48	4.2	3:18	4.3
Harwich	3:20	3.7	3:42	3.6	Shoreham	2:31	5.5	2:58	5.6
Holyhead	1:54	5.1	2:24	4.8	Southampton	2:19	4.1	2:45	4.2
Hull (Albert D)	9:55	6.8	10:31	6.5	Swansea	9:59	8.1	10:12	8.2
Ilfracombe	9:42	7.9	9:58	7.8	Tees	7:33	4.8	8:09	4.6
King's Lynn	10:03	5.8	10:30	5.5	Walton-on-Naze	3:24	3.9	3:38	3.8

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: highest day temp: Saunton Sands, Devon, 27C (81F); lowest day max: Fair Isle, Shetland, 12C (54F); highest rainfall: Stornoway, Hebrides, 0.05in; highest sunshine: Folkestone, Kent, 14.5hr

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